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INTOLERABLE

Special report highlights apparent discrimination against black and ethnic minority workers in the NHS

BLACK and ethnic minority health staff in Kent are facing discrimination in the workplace, new research suggests.

The report, which was carried out by the South East Coast Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Network, claims that a disproportionately high number are involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

Dr Vivienne Lyfar-Cissé, chair of the network and author of the review, analysed 27 NHS organisations across the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority (SHA), which covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

She told Kent on Sunday: "The perception within the network was that BME staff were being disadvantaged."

"But we did not have the evidence and this review was carried out to confirm or dispute our perceptions. This is the evidence and it does back up our perceptions."

In the report, Dr Lyfar-Cissé said the current situation was unacceptable and intolerable.

And the Race Equality Service Review concluded that there were a number of "significant shortfalls" in meeting race equality rules across the SHA, which includes eight NHS bodies in Kent.

The report found there was a significant under-representation of BME executives. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) and East Kent Hospitals Trust, for

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

example, have all-white British boards.

All trusts in the county had a disproportionately high amount of BME staff in pay band 5 – which is just below middle management level – but very few above that.

The other main finding of the review was that a disproportionately high amount of disciplinary procedures, grievances, bullying and harassment cases involved staff of BME backgrounds.

At West Kent PCT, BME staff made up 43 per cent of bullying and harassment procedures, but only accounted for seven per cent of the overall workforce.

There was also a significant difference across the county in the number of BME applicants offered a job, compared to white hopefuls.

At Kent and Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust, which is responsible for mental health services, BME people made up 58 per cent of job applicants, but out of the 49 per cent short-listed only seven per cent were appointed.

Glen Philip, chair of the BME Network for Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT, said the trends that had been flagged up in the report needed to be acted upon.

But he raised concerns that some of the data for individual trusts was not large enough to make it statistically valid.

However, Dr Lyfar-Cissé maintained that

the "statistics speak for themselves".

Mr Philip added: "I know my chief executive, Ann Sutton, places great importance on equality, but that does not mean everyone in the PCT does."

Sue Webb, the SHA's director of clinical and workforce development, said the authority understood the need to address issues of race and equality.

It had launched a number of initiatives, including training for all NHS organisations on the impact of policy on minority groups and leadership training for BME staff, she said.

MTW said equality impact assessments had been introduced and a BME network was being set up to give the trust "a richer perspective and to influence decision-making".

Medway PCT said it was taking the findings of the report seriously and was on track to deal with its recommendations.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust said it was taking part in the initiatives run by the SHA, as well as doing further equality work.

Margaret Daly, director of human resources for West Kent PCT, said the report had provided a "helpful mirror" to the organisation and highlighted important issues.

Most of the trusts said the data involved such small numbers that statistical outcomes should be treated with caution.

A spokeswoman for the Equality and Human Rights Commission said it had received a copy of the report and would be commenting on its findings after it had been reviewed.



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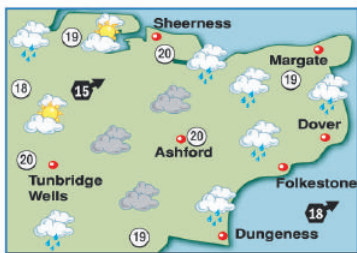
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Kent today



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TONIGHT: It will be dry with clear spells and variable amounts of cloud. Moderate westerly winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	20	68	London	cloudy	19	66
Belfast	cloudy	20	68	Liverpool	cloudy	21	70
Birmingham	cloudy	18	64	Manchester	drizzle	19	66
B'mouth	cloudy	20	68	Newcastle	cloudy	19	66
Bristol	cloudy	18	64	Norwich	rain	19	66
Cardiff	drizzle	20	68	Oxford	cloudy	20	68
Cork	cloudy	16	61	Southsea	drizzle	19	66
Edinburgh	cloudy	19	66	S'hampton	cloud	-	-
Glasgow	rain	18	64	Southport	rain	-	-
Isle of Man	cloudy	18	64	Swansea	rain	18	64
Leeds	rain	17	63	Torquay	cloudy	18	64

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.55am	Sunset	7.59pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	10.49pm	Moonsset	3.51pm	7.59pm to 5.57am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
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Dover	04.29 5.9 16.57 6.0	05.38 5.6 18.15 5.6
Margate	05.27 4.2 17.45 4.3	06.31 3.9 19.00 4.0
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Week ahead

monday Variable cloud. max 22C min 14C	thursday Some sun. max 23C min 13C
tuesday Largely dry. max 22C min 13C	friday Rather cloudy. max 23C min 12C
wednesday Mainly dry. max 23C min 13C	saturday Mainly fine. max 23C min 13C

SPECIAL REPORT The former EastEnders hardman

Kemp turns TV



By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

with the British Army in Helmand Province

ROSS Kemp is recording a new TV series in Afghanistan with Kent soldiers.

The former EastEnders actor arrived in the town of Musa Qala, currently home to 'Delta' Company of the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), last Sunday.

He is due to spend three weeks in Afghanistan, most of which will be with 5 Scots, who have been in Helmand Province since March.

Kemp, 44, who lived near Maidstone for five years from 1989, is also likely to meet troops from Kent's county regiment, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, at Roshan Tower, an outpost near Musa Qala that has been subjected to heavy mortar fire in recent weeks.

Speaking to KOS Media at Camp Bastion, the main British base in Helmand Province, Kemp said he was keen to see how 5 Scots worked with the local population of Musa Qala, which was only recaptured from the Taliban in December.

"Musa Qala, when I was here last in September, was in the control of the Taliban so we're interested to go up and see the DC (district centre).

"We'll be spending most of our time with 5 Scots, but we'll also be going out with the Royal Irish Regiment and the Afghan National Army."

In Ross Kemp in Afghanistan, his acclaimed TV series for Sky, he documented the deaths of British soldiers and interviewed their families.

With the follow-up, he said he wants "to see whether the sacrifice they made was actually worth it, if this is a situation that's winnable, how long this situation will go on and to get to meet 5 Scots".

One aspect of the war in Afghanistan that has changed dramatically is the Taliban's switch from conventional tactics to a greater dependency on the use of booby traps and suicide bombers.

Kemp said: "It's very hard to win when you've got no air support in modern warfare. That said, they're doing a pretty good job. Let's not underestimate the tenacity and cunning of the Taliban. They've been fighting for many years."

He said the insurgents' knowledge of their homeland helped them.

"If you know the land you have an advantage



SHARP END: The soldiers of Delta Company of 5 Scots are being filmed for television by former EastEnders actor Ross Kemp, below



— and they clearly know the land very well."

Musa Qala is on a very high state of alert because of the threat of IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and suicide bombings.

Kemp said: "The war's changed in that the Taliban are using far more IEDs and anti-

personnel mines. You don't have to feed an anti-personnel mine; you don't have to feed an IED."

It is Kemp's third visit to Afghanistan, but he is in no doubt about the dangers he and other journalists face in Helmand Province. Describing how he was previously shot at, Kemp said: "Anyone who says they're not scared would be bull****ing."

Kemp he said he was not sure where the filming would take him.

"It's fishing in deep pools," he said. "We don't know what we are going to find."

The actor recently met the parents of Lance-Corporal Jake Alderton, of Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment, who was killed in Afghanistan last November in a road accident on the way back from a mission. His parents have raised thousands of pounds for the Help for Heroes charity.

Kemp said the 22-year-old's death was tragic. He added: "A lot of the casualties don't actually happen on the front."

Matt Bennett, the programme's producer, said the series was intended to be an accurate portrayal of life for the average soldier.

He said: "We chose 5 Scots for a variety of reasons. They're very much at the sharp end of pushing back the Taliban and opening up that area around Musa Qala."

"Musa Qala is strategically very important for the operation that's going on now."

The programmes featuring 5 Scots are due to be aired later this year or in early 2009.

Before going to Afghanistan, Kemp had just returned from Belize where he was recording for Ross Kemp on Gangs, a new series of which begins on September 1.

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speaks to Jamie McGinnes during filming for documentary in Helmand Province

spotlight on our boys

Booby trap blast was a rush, but once was enough says Frank

FRANK Baillie knows all too well the danger of Taliban booby traps. He was driving an Army Land Rover when it was blown up by one.

The 25-year-old was in the front vehicle of a convoy about 25 kilometres west of the town of Lashkar Gah when he drove over a pressure pad that detonated an improvised explosive device (IED).

Somehow, he and two others hurt in the July 1 blast survived.

They had left Lashkar Gah to visit a village hotspot, found that it was quiet, but then heard an explosion on the way back.

An Afghan National Police pick-up truck had been targeted, with seven injured and two dead.

The convoy decided to head there to see if they could help and returned to a crossing point at a wadi they had used about an hour before.

Private Baillie, a rifleman with the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), said: "As we drove down into it the front of the vehicle blew up."

The force of the blast threw the heavily-armoured open-top Land Rover into the air, turned it round to the right and set it down.

"I'd been flung up, hit the steering wheel and sat back down in the seat," said Pte Baillie. "There was dust everywhere. I couldn't see the hand in front of my face."

Sergeant Arthur Little, 43, a reservist from



BOOBY TRAP: Frank Baillie survived blast

Canterbury with the 3rd Battalion the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment, had been sat next to him in the front – but was nowhere to be seen.

"I looked to my left to see where Arthur was. He wasn't in his seat, wasn't where he was meant to be. I saw a body on the ground and I thought that was him."

It was actually a medic who had also been on board. He had been thrown out of the vehicle and landed next to Sgt Little's door.

It was then that Pte Baillie, from Clackmannan, near Stirling, heard Sgt Little shouting for a medic and realised

where he was. "Arthur had been flung 15ft," he said. "When I got to him he was in tatters, covered in blood. The poor bugger kept on trying to stand up, but his leg kept on giving in. All the time he was worried about what had happened to us, not worried about himself."

Pte Baillie, a trained medic, gave Sgt Little first aid and saw that he had extensive injuries to his face, arms and leg.

"When I got to him I thought, 'Jesus, he's in a bad, bad way.'"

Thankfully, Sgt Little's injuries looked worse than they were. He was airlifted to Lashkar Gah and is now in the UK recuperating.

Pte Baillie escaped with just bruising and got behind the wheel once more. On the way back to base, he came across a tractor further up the road that had gone over another IED set up by the insurgents.

The blast he had been involved in made him think about his future.

"It was a rush," he said. "But it was a rush I never, ever want to experience again. To be able to go through something like that and walk out the other side is life-changing. It makes you look at life and value it."

But he never considered quitting the Army, which he has been in for two years.

"I don't think being blown up has made me dislike the Army. I knew before I started it was part and parcel of the job."

Still time to tackle the auld enemy

SOLDIERS from Kent's county regiment celebrated a historic battle honour with an England vs Scotland football match in the Afghan desert.

For the first time, troops from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, 'the Tigers', are serving together on the same operation.

They celebrated Minden Day, which marks a battle against the French that took place on August 1, 1759, during the Seven Years War.

Two brigades of infantry, one of which included the 37th of Foot (later the Hampshire, who became part of the PWRR) fought at Minden to halt the advance of a French army of 60,000.

It was the first time British infantry had defeated charging French cavalry. The British waited until the French were less than 10 yards away before firing their first volley. With the second volley the cavalry was defeated.

After the battle soldiers picked roses from the battlefield and wore them in their hats, a tradition kept alive by the regiments that fought there.

To commemorate the battle, the Tigers held a desert parade, followed by a game of football against Scottish soldiers at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, a desert fort near the town of Musa Qala.

In a close match, the Tigers came back from 2-0 down at half-time to win on penalties.

Afghan girl killed in tragic road accident

AN AFGHAN girl was killed in a road accident involving a British soldier in Helmand Province.

Troops said the girl, believed to have been four years old, ran into the path of a Snatch Land Rover belonging to the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots).

They had been on patrol in the town of Lashkar Gah as part of a security operation for an agricultural fair on August 10, attended by dignitaries including Helmand Province governor Gulab Mangal.

The girl was picked up by a family member and taken to hospital, with the soldiers following. Doctors tried to save her, but she died that night.

Speaking shortly after the accident, yet before it was known the girl had died, Captain Colin Wood, second-in-charge of 'B' Company of 5 Scots, said it was a tragic accident.

"That's the sort of environment we're working in," he said. "It wasn't the fault of the driver; it wasn't the fault of the commander."

"She just walked straight into it. It's an unfortunate incident and it demonstrates the pressure our drivers are under."

The collision was in a busy shopping street called Shahidghaltan.

Capt Wood said the 19-year-old driver was shaken by the accident, but otherwise unhurt.

There was some initial anger from residents after the collision and the officer said they would be given an explanation of what had happened.

"A lot of the locals were unclear as to what

had happened," he said. "What they'd seen was a little girl run over by an ISAF (International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan) vehicle without appreciating what had happened."

The agricultural fair was held peacefully, despite the threat of suicide bombings. As part of an operation that began in the early hours, security was put in place to ensure thousands of visitors to the event were safe.

On duty were about 100 troops from ISAF, half of which were from 'B' Company of 5 Scots, as well as Afghan soldiers and 600 police.

Capt Wood said: "The stakes had been raised due to the high-profile of the event and the VIPs who had been there."

"There was a report that suicide vests had been moved into Lashkar Gah, so we took precautions to disrupt and stop any potential attack."

After making sure the site was secure, 5 Scots soldiers mounted patrols in the town and were on standby in the event of an attack.

Capt Wood said: "It's surprising and pleasing that there was no trouble."

The prevention of attacks will have boosted local confidence in the security situation, although it is understood that about a third of the expected 6,000 visitors attended the fair.

An MoD spokesman said the girl's death would be investigated. He said there was no evidence of unrest and none was expected.

"Foot patrols returned to the scene and locals, while they were aware of the death, understood it to be an accident," he added.



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Why Ken still carries a flame for Herne Bay

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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WHEN fire ripped through the home of film director Ken Russell in 2006, many of his videos and DVDs were lost.

Among them was the little-known comedy *French Dressing*, which was filmed in Herne Bay in 1963 and featured many townspeople as extras.

Thankfully for Russell, 81, he was able to return to the resort for the first time in more than 40 years on Friday to relive the film as part of this year's Herne Bay Festival.

He said: "I'm very much looking forward to seeing it again as I haven't seen it for at least two years. When my cottage in the New Forest caught fire there were 50 firemen trying to put it out but they couldn't stop it.

"When I came home I thought the gardener was having a big bonfire, but then when I drove closer I realised the whole place was ablaze.

"I was told my wife was inside so I rushed into the garage, grabbed a ladder and smashed a

window so I could go in and get her. Apparently she was looking for the dog.

"I never knew smoke could be so thick. It was almost as if it was alive. It was frightening."

Fortunately for Russell, his wife had escaped before the blaze got out of control.

The director of the 1969 Oscar-winning film *Women in Love* was invited to introduce *French Dressing* as part of the Screen on the Green event in the town's Memorial Park.

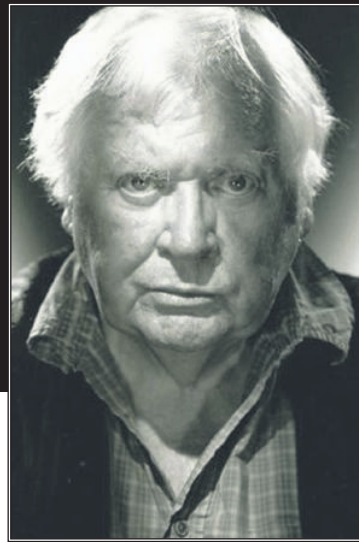
Speaking to Kent on Sunday the day before his visit, Russell described the movie as an "off-beat comedy" about a deck-chair attendant and an entertainment officer who attempt to bring Brigitte Bardot from France.

Russell said: "I had never been to Herne Bay but my producer suggested it as a location.

"I spent a couple of weeks there adapting the screenplay and finding everything I needed.

"I don't remember much about the town, although I do recall it had the second-longest pier in the country. I was sad to hear it was lost in a storm.

"We were treated very well and had lots of people who were willing to be extras for us, so I'm looking forward to seeing what it is like these days. Herne Bay holds a special place in my heart, but I haven't been able to visit until



BACK TO FRONT: Director Ken Russell has revisited the Kent resort which provided the backdrop for his 1963 film, *French Dressing*

now."

While the younger generation may recognise Russell from his stint in last year's *Celebrity Big Brother*, older people know him as one of the most controversial film directors of his era.

However, Russell said he disliked that description. "If I am making a film about a horrific subject then the film needs to be horrific too," he said.

"I've directed many films about painters, authors and historical figures, but you don't hear as much about them because they're not seen as headline news."

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Tigers ready for Taliban

SOLDIERS serving with Kent's county regiment are being sent on a three-month tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Nicknamed The Tigers, the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (PWRR) has begun sending 120 troops from its 2nd Battalion to take part in Operation Herrick.

The soldiers will be based in Garmsir, Helmand Province, and will be taking over from soldiers serving with the battalion's 'A' Company, which will be returning to the UK in September.

Preparations for their tour of duty involved training in Cyprus.

The PWRR's regimental headquarters are in Canterbury.

Pair charged

TWO people have been charged after an attempted robbery at a shop in King's Road, Herne Bay, on Tuesday.

David Mulcahy, 28, of Avenue Road, Herne Bay, and a 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared before Canterbury magistrates on Friday.

Mulcahy is accused of attempted robbery, while the teenager is charged with attempted robbery and possessing an imitation firearm.

Police were called to King's Road Stores at about 5pm after owner Jay Patel, 30, pressed the shop's security buzzer.

The store is just round the corner from Herne Bay police station, in Gordon Road.



Lucky 13 for GCSE students

GCSE results in Kent have improved for the 13th year running, with 155 more students than last year achieving five A* to C grades.

And nine of 33 schools placed on the Government's "national challenge" scheme in June were able to beat their target of 30 per cent A* to C grades including English and maths.

Kent County Council said results looked set to exceed the national average again this year, as they have for the previous nine.

Speaking after pupils opened their results on Thursday, Cllr Chris Wells, cabinet member for education, said: "Today is all about the young people and I congratulate them on their achievements.

"My hope is that they will continue in education or move on to employment or training, but whatever they decide I wish them all the best. I'm heartened by the continued improvement in GCSE achievement, which is testament to the hard work and dedication of staff in our schools."

Cllr Wells was also full of praise for many of the "underperforming" schools placed on the national challenge, many of which experienced huge leaps in their results.

The Wildernesse School, Sevenoaks (up 17 per cent) and Northfleet Technology College (up 15 per cent) were among those that jumped above the 30 per cent target.

Several others saw big increases and are expected to reach the benchmark before the Government's 2011 deadline.

Cllr Wells said: "I think our results show Schools Minister Ed Balls got it wrong when he set up this challenge and made it seem as if our schools were failing.

"I will look forward to writing to him with a list of the improvements that have been made and will also be asking for an apology."

Medway Council said it was not publishing the results until they had been collated nationally, in about a month.

However Rose Collinson, the director of children's services, praised those pupils who received the results they were looking for.

She said: "Congratulations to our students and well done to the teachers, parents and carers who supported them. These results are hard-won and provide a passport to future learning and earning."

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Cancer vaccine 'is a lifesaving breakthrough'

A BREAKTHROUGH vaccine that protects young women against cervical cancer is expected to save up to ten lives a year across east and west Kent.

Primary care trusts and Kent County Council's public health team said teenagers aged 12 to 13 and 17 to 18-year-olds will be the first to get the immunisations, with "catch-up" schemes for other girls over the next two years.

Most young females are expected to have the vaccinations at school this autumn term and those who are no longer in education will be able to get it from their GP. Cervical cancer is the second most common form of the disease in women worldwide.

The vaccine, Cervarix, is 99 per cent effective against two types of the papillomavirus that causes almost 75 per cent of cervical cancer. Full immunity requires three doses over a period of six months to a year.

Dr Brendan O'Connor, NHS West Kent's deputy director of public health, said: "As the first widely available vaccine to protect against cancer, this is a real breakthrough."

India property setback leads to racism row

A RACISM row has broken out over comments made by a Conservative parliamentary candidate in Kent.

Gordon Henderson's attack on property law in India came only two weeks after he suggested pensioners could help clean the streets to earn extra cash.

Attempting to buy property in Goa recently, he and his wife were told they had to be of Indian heritage.

Writing on his internet blog, he said: "Can you imagine the cries of outrage if the British government introduced a law that prevented foreign citizens from purchasing property in the UK unless the buyer was of British 'extraction'?"

Mr Henderson said that in a truly global economy, such restrictive laws "smack of racism of the very worst kind and is quite scandalous".

In response Derek Wyatt, Labour MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, said his opponent's statement was a "burst of intemperate indignation" and called for the Tories to hold an inquiry.

He said: "This is a shocking way of someone seeking election to Parliament to write about a friendly government."

Ashford's Olympic-winning cyclist thanks everyone for support

Golden boy ready for homecoming

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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OLYMPIC gold medallist Jamie Staff has thanked Kent on Sunday's readers for backing his exploits in Beijing.

The 35-year-old from Ashford stormed to victory in the team sprint cycling event on August 15 after he and his team-mates had previously set a new world record time of 42.95 seconds in qualifying.

Speaking exclusively to KOS Media, Jamie said he was looking forward to celebrating back home.

He said: "I can't thank everyone enough for all the support."

"Many of my close friends who I do not get to see because I travel so much have been behind me and have been sending me their support."

"I will truly thank them when I come back to Ashford in the coming weeks."

"I'm proud to have come from the town and have many fond memories of growing up and racing BMX in the area."

"I hope to catch up with a lot of people who I may not have seen in years."

Triumphant

Another Ashford-based Olympian had the chance to win gold yesterday when Lisa Dobriskey competed in the women's 1500m final. She too thanked the people of the town after finishing third in her heat on Thursday.

But while Team GB are still battling for medals in China, the fight to decide the route of the Olympic torch for the London 2012 games has already begun here in Kent.

According to Canterbury MP Julian Brazier the torch should be carried into Britain through Dover before then passing through his constituency.

He said: "With the triumphant opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics still fresh in our minds, thoughts are now turning to what Great Britain will be putting on in four years' time. One of the crucial decisions to be made is where the Olympic torch will enter Britain."

"The obvious place logistically, aesthetically and historically is Dover. As the main maritime gateway to the Continent, known by its almost synonymous white cliffs, Dover is the first sight of Britain for hundreds of thousands of people each year."

London last hosted the Olympics in 1948 –

the first games in 12 years due to the outbreak of World War Two.

On that occasion the torch entered England through Dover and was also carried through Canterbury, Charing, Maidstone and Westerham en route to Wembley Stadium.

Mr Brazier added: "Furthermore, the torch coming by sea would reflect the UK's still pre-eminent position as a maritime hub, and the importance of the shipping sector to a country where 95 per cent of our imports (by weight) come by sea."

"It would be a huge disappointment should the ceremonial entry to the UK by the Olympic flame take place somewhere less redolent with history and cultural significance than Dover."

Mr Brazier's views on the subject are shared by members of the Kent Campaign for the 2012 Games committee, which has ties to Kent County Council.

To celebrate today's official Olympics handover, the group has arranged a number of special events throughout the county and Dover will play a big part.

A street party will be held there between noon and 9pm featuring fireworks, dancing and stilt walkers.

Potential 2012 Olympics rower Hannah Moon, 16, will raise a replica flag of the London games after bringing it into the town by boat.

Elsewhere, the handover of the official flag from Beijing to London will be shown live on a big screen in Herne Bay which will also be hosting a bike ride, talent show and other attractions as part of the town's annual festival.

A festival of arts, culture and sports will also take place in Maidstone, with Tunbridge Wells tying the event in with its annual Summer Slam fun day.

In Ramsgate, the handover will coincide with the opening of a new athletics track at the Marlowe Academy, which has been selected as a possible pre-Olympics training camp for visiting teams.

Also, leisure centres across the county will be opening up their swimming pools with free admission for the day.

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WINNING WAYS: Jamie Staff celebrates scooping his gold medal in Beijing last week

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Four rail companies competing for franchise are named

THE four companies on track to run south eastern rail services – including the Tonbridge to Redhill line – have been announced by the Department of Transport.

National Express, Stagecoach, Govia and NedRailways will now contest the new South Central

franchise. The invitation to tender will be issued in the autumn, with the successful bidder expected to be announced next year.

Rail Minister Tom Harris promised less crowding on the franchise which is due to start in the summer of 2009. He said: "We look forward

to seeing strong bids from each of the competitors for this important franchise.

"We want passengers to see improvements – longer trains, safer stations and later-running services."

The franchise will take the

Tonbridge to Redhill line, now run by Southeastern, to enable services to run alongside trains from London to Gatwick airport. Smart cards, including Oyster cards, will be used across the franchise area.

National Express runs the East Coast and East Anglia rail fran-

chises, and Stagecoach runs the East Midlands and South West routes. Dutch firm NedRailways runs MerseyRail and Northern services jointly with Serco, while Govia runs Southeastern and London Midland trains alongside the Southern franchise.

Economy to blame for festival's failure

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A NEW music festival planned for next month has become the latest victim of the credit crunch.

Poor ticket sales and the withdrawal of one of its headline acts forced the cancellation of the Sound Sanctuary event, due to be held at Eridge Park in Tunbridge Wells from September 19-21.

The Sugababes were due to perform on the first night, with M People and Jocelyn Brown on the second and third respectively, but the festival's organisers would not say which act had pulled out.

Commit

Spokesperson for the organisers, Louise Minter, explained how the current economic squeeze had hit hard.

She said: "Sound Sanctuary launched in a year when the UK is experiencing economic slowdown and, along with other festivals, ticket sales have been slow.

"A few were sold, but not enough to make everyone happy. The state of the economy at the moment means everyone is cutting back.

"Some of our financial backers also decided the event just wasn't



STAR TURN: The Sugababes were due to perform on the first night

viable for them. Even though they would have got their money back, they felt they couldn't commit in the current financial climate."

Mrs Minter added that the organisers were unable to find a suitable replacement for the act which pulled out.

She said: "It's a busy year for bands and, coupled with the crowded music events market, it was difficult to replace the act at such short notice.

"We had a fantastic line-up and we would like to apologise to the bands and thank them for their understanding. The act which pulled out had another unavoidable commitment."

Despite Sound Sanctuary's failure, Mrs Minter was confident the festival would make a successful debut next year.

Refund

She said: "In the next few months we will discuss potentially scaling it down to make sure it definitely goes ahead.

"The festival had attracted a lot of interest from people in the community, so it's a real shame for us that we had to cancel it.

"It's always quite iffy when you're trying to organise a first festival, but we would rather not have one at all than have one that was done badly."

Those who purchased tickets have been asked to contact their booking agent for refund information.

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Cinema proves a ray of sunshine during holiday

THE bad weather this summer has proved a blessing for cinema chiefs as bumper crowds flock to catch the latest blockbusters.

The miserable conditions during the school summer holidays have sent many inside and sending box office takings around the county rocketing.

Bosses at the Cineworld complex on Ashford's Eureka Leisure Park say the tills have been ringing as a succession of hits have arrived on the silver screen.

Andy Grove, general manager of Cineworld Ashford, said: "With the poor summer weather the cin-

ema has been particularly busy.

"The big summer blockbusters such as Sex and the City, Mamma Mia! and The Dark Knight have been extremely popular.

"We have seen customers leaving with big smiles on their faces, regardless of the gloomy weather outside."

Cineworld bosses have expressed an interest in expanding its cinema chain to another in the town centre.

Ambitious plans to transform land near international station, into a 'leisure quarter' could provide it with the required site.

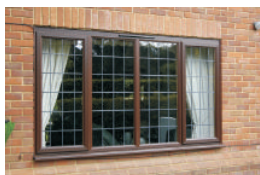


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Talks continuing on health centre

CAR parking and good transport links were listed as top priorities for new healthcare facilities in Dover.

Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust, Dover District Council and GPs met with residents, campaigners and other stakeholders to discuss where to locate the new healthcare centre planned for the coastal town.

Easy access to the site and leaving room for future expansion of services were listed as vital, the PCT said after the meeting last Thursday.

Plans for the GP-led health centre have proved controversial among residents and there is some debate over whether it should be located.

Health bosses have been urged to consider locating it at Whitfield rather than in the town centre.

A decision will be made by the trust's board on September 17.

Former biology teacher is filling gap in UK food market with

Shelling out for an

By **NICK AMES**

SNAILS in the bedroom might not be everyone's idea of a friendly night-time companion, but they are proving a success when it comes to exploiting the 'slow food' market.

The molluscs may not have the worldwide appeal of the burger, or fish and chips, but as interest in exotic foods grows alongside desires for homegrown produce, an unusual UK market has emerged.

Escargot is a favourite dish across the English Channel, with the French flavouring the little beasts with garlic and butter.

And Helen Howard, from Littlebourne, near Canterbury, has now spotted a gap in the UK food chain for locally-produced snails after her daughter attended an agricultural college in London.

So she turned a spare bedroom at her home into a farm for the shelled critters and is now supplying a number of restaurants across the county. The snails are fed on dried milk and chalk, which helps to keep them healthy and their shells strong.

This means they are white in colour when it comes to their body and although they look very similar to garden snails they are actually a subspecies – growing faster and more quickly.

Ms Howard said: "I found the idea on a website on farm diversification. I thought it would be good to be able to offer people who like local food something a bit different."

"It was only after I started reading the site that I remembered I kept snails as pets when



I was younger and always found them interesting. I was also a biology teacher for a while, so I am used to handling creatures other people might call creepy-crawlies."

Managable

Ms Howard formed H and RH Escargot with her daughter and keeps 2,000 breeding snails in her terraced home. So far demand from restaurants has outstripped supply.

"We have become really quite attached to them," said Ms Howard.

"They are quite endearing – they don't bite, or smell unpleasant or make a lot of noise and they are really friendly. And they don't take up much space, which is a really good benefit."

"I wanted to do something agricultural and this fits the bill as they are so manageable."

"So far I am catering to a niche market – I sell to restaurants and pubs and also on occa-



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"In other countries there are some differences in how they are dished up. I have heard of them being part of a beef stew – rather as oysters are.

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"The main thing is that they have to be cooked properly. They need to be cooked slowly to avoid a rubbery, chewy texture."

Ms Howard knows of only two other snail farms in England, though the farming of the creatures has a long history.

"Snails have been farmed in Britain for centuries and there is lots of archaeological evidence to back that up," she said.

Tradition

"In the monasteries the monks would have a fish pond, beehives and a snail farm. And there are lots of places in Kent where there is evidence the Romans farmed snails. So I am carrying on a worthwhile tradition."

Ms Howard also admits to having some feelings of affection for her small farm animals.

"It's a bit like not mentioning Christmas to a turkey – don't say 'garlic butter'," she said.

"I made it a rule earlier not to try and identify them and see that they have individual characteristics as sooner or later they are going to end up as part of a meal.

"The funny thing is their shells are all different so I probably could identify them if I wished to do so. But at the moment they are strictly for the dinner table."

sions to members of the public who want to experiment a bit when it comes to food.

"I was quite surprised that pubs are giving them a try, but they are – usually with large amounts of garlic butter to make sure people who are a bit tentative can have a go at eating them.

"At times I have taken live ones along to events and that is where people have asked me how best to prepare and serve them.

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£10 million project could lead to creation of 350 jobs

ONE of the world's most famous university colleges has linked up with Kent in a £10 million commercial property project which could lead to up to 350 new jobs.

Trinity College, Cambridge, is a partner in the Eureka Park development just outside Ashford which many are claiming to be one of the South East's important new business destinations.

The college – which was behind the first science park development in the UK nearly 40 years ago – is taking part as a landowner with partner Quadrant Estates on the estate and last Tuesday there was a topping-out ceremony on its latest building.

The building, Herald, is the

only headquarters of its size due for completion this year in the county and aims to be finished by Christmas. And even allowing for the gloomy economic climate there have already been enquiries from potential tenants.

Herald, a 35,725 sq ft glass building, is the second phase of offices at Eureka Park. The first phase, Northdown, completed last year, has been very well received by local and regional occupiers with 97 per cent of the space committed.

Topping-out guests also viewed progress elsewhere at the park at nearby Eureka Place, comprising of retail and amenity space and includes a children's day nursery, family pub restaur-

ant and a medical centre over 33,000 sq ft.

Cllr Paul Clokie, leader of Ashford Borough Council and chair of Ashford's Future Partnership Board, said: "It is crucial that we ensure well-planned offices with good community facilities like this scheme are provided and the new offices will continue to play a large part in providing jobs required as part of our growth plans."

Rent for Herald is at £19.75 per sq ft.

Eureka Park already has 300,000 sq ft of built premises housing Brakes, Coty and Inca. It has planning consent for 1.25 million sq ft on 96 acres located just off junction 9 of the M20.

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FIELDS OF GOLD: Marigolds on the Lees Court Estate at Sheldwich are providing a splash of late summer colour

Watching paint dry has never looked this good

MOTORISTS travelling between Faversham and Ashford have had a remarkable dash of colour added to their journeys in recent weeks, *writes Gareth Arnold.*

Because in the field which borders picturesque Sheldwich church on the busy A251 a burst of deep blue and a blaze of bright orange has quite literally bloomed into life.

Yet this is no ordinary flower display. And what's more, it could end up finding its way onto the walls of your home. The swathes of orange calendula marigolds and blue echium are being grown on land owned by Countess Sondes, part of the Lees Court Estate.

The positioning is simply down to crop rotation, which this year has brought the flowers to the field bordering the A251.

Although they present a cheery sight for drivers on their way to work, as estate administrator Liz Roberts explained, both plants can be used for far more than simply brightening the landscape.

Mrs Roberts said: "Calendula is used in homeopathic creams to calm skin irritation and help heal scar tissue, but in this case it is being grown for the oil.

"It is used to replace something called tung oil, which is used in wood stain and gloss paint as a drying agent. Calendula oil is a much more natural alternative, so you can make a water-based paint.

"People assume it's the colour in the paint, but actually it's the stuff that makes the paint dry.

"The other crop is echium, which is rich in omega 3 oils, one of the healthy oils. That will be used in baby food and skin cream."

Prompted by the wish to diversify the use of the estate's land, Lees Court now specialises in producing non-food crops, which have been used in everything from medicines to bio-fuels.

Some of these present challenges which demand special skills and machinery but marigolds are an exception, despite the fact that they grow lower to the ground than more traditional harvests.

In fact, the only major pest is the bane of all gardeners – slugs.

Mrs Roberts said: "It's quite easy to grow and doesn't require much input, such as fertiliser. We can also use standard machinery for planting and harvesting."

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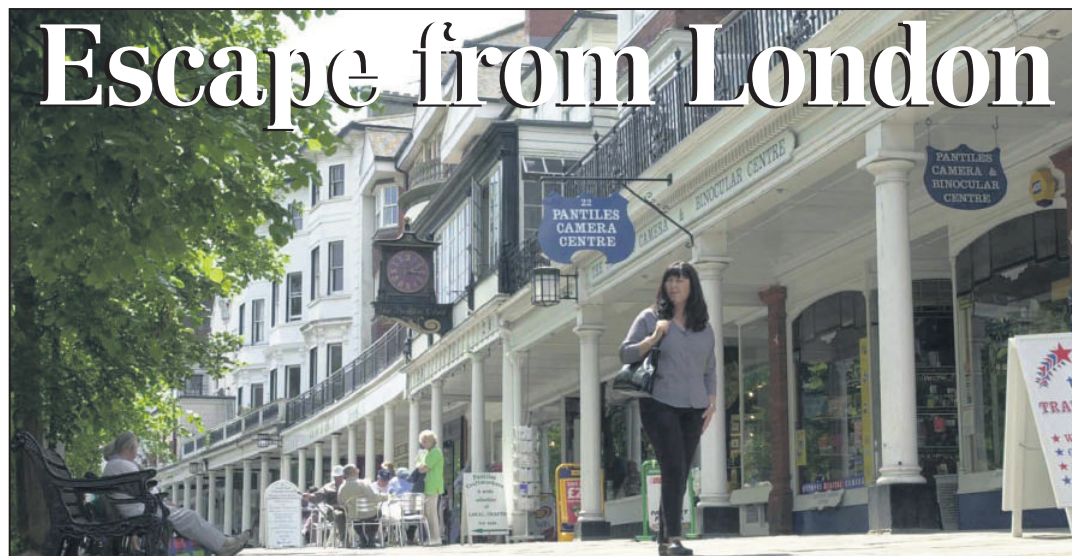
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TOP TOWN: The Pantiles is just one of the attractions for Londoners relocating to Tunbridge Wells in search of a better life

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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HOMEOWNERS are leaving London in their droves in search of a better quality of life in Tunbridge Wells.

A league table of popular destinations for movers puts the town at the top of the pile, with the entire bottom 10 consisting of places in and around the capital.

Other towns ranked highly include Guildford, Plymouth, Redhill and Bournemouth.

The table was released by home move service www.MoveMe.com.

Co-founder Keith McNeilly said: "Driven out by rising living costs, high crime rates and a lack of suitable housing, increasing numbers of Londoners are leaving the capital for more family-orientated commuter towns.

"Well-heeled towns such as Tunbridge Wells have long been popular with professionals and those with young children, looking for a better quality of life and a larger family home, but within commuting distance of the city."

Mr McNeilly said movers favoured "period properties, good schools and the trendy restaurants" on offer in Tunbridge Wells.

He added that house prices in the suburbs have been bit harder than those in London, and families can get more for their money by leaving the city.

Cllr Beverley Palmer, who is chairwoman of the local economy and housing select committee, was not surprised to hear of the town's popularity.

She said: "Tunbridge Wells is a very pleasant place to live and we have strong commuter links to London. We have wonderful shops, tourist areas and leisure facilities, as well as great houses which people are obviously taking advantage of. People who work in the city can probably afford them."

The MoveMe website calculates the popularity of towns using a 'migration monitor', which tracks the number of people moving into and out of the UK's two-digit postcode areas.

The monitor was compiled using a data sample of 22,000 movers, all using the site to assist with their move, during the second quarter of 2008.

Mr McNeilly said he thought the appearance of Bournemouth and Plymouth in the top five was partly due to students and young pro-

fessionals. Buyers looking for a larger family home were moving to surrounding suburbs.

He added: "Coastal properties are reported to be holding their value, benefiting from a surge of recent media attention as both Gordon Brown and David Cameron opt to spend their summer holidays in UK resorts.

"With beautiful scenery, exquisite homes and a steady market, these towns are likely to increase in popularity and price."

According to the website the least popular destination for movers is north-west London, followed by north London, west London, Ilford and south-east London.



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RARE BEAUTY: Bee orchids are among those finding a haven on Kent's chalk grasslands

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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ORCHIDS have become a regular feature along the coast of Kent's iconic white cliffs – thanks to a long-term conservation project.

The common spotted orchid, bee orchid, fragrant orchid and man orchid are among the species thriving in the rich chalk grassland along the coast near Folkestone and Dover. Orchids bloom in June and July.

Folkestone and Dover Water, which provides water for more than 158,000 people in Kent and the South East, has been backing the project because it owns more than 780 hectares of delicate habitat, including chalk grassland at Lyoak.

David Walton, the company's managing director, said: "Without careful management the chalk grassland quickly reverts to scrubland and then becomes wooded.

"So not surprisingly old chalk grassland is increasingly under threat and we are delighted to be able to help with conservation

and preserve rare species. The water company also owns sensitive woodland and marshland habitats and we are very conscious of our role in environmental conservation."

The company has been working with the Environment Agency and also carried out conservation work with the White Cliffs Countryside Project.

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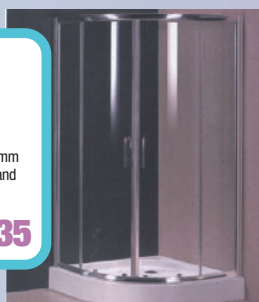
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HANG LOOSE:
Tom Slaytor,
third left, with
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band mates

Meet the Dylans' Thomas

By JENNA PUDELEK

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A FORMER Kent schoolboy has gone on to star in one of this summer's top teen movies and is now on the brink of boy band success.

Tom Slaytor, who grew up in Tonbridge, is the drummer in a band called the Stiff Dylans, which was formed especially for Brit film Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging.

But after the movie became a runaway success with teenage girls across the country, the band got signed to Columbia Records and as well as releasing the single, Ultraviolet, from Angus..., they are working on an album in their own right, due to be released next year.

The excited 21-year-old, who went to Bennett Memorial, a comprehensive school in Tunbridge Wells, said: "It was really weird on set performing because it was such a quick turnaround."

"A few months before I was going to college, working a normal job, and then three months later I was on the set of this Paramount film."

"It was so surreal. It still is, to be honest."

James Flannigan, the singer, Matt Harris, the bass player, and Charlie Wride, the guitarist, are the other band members.

Directed by Gurinder Chadha – famed for making films about second-generation young Indian women such as Bend It Like Beckham and Bride and Prejudice – this summer's offering is different.

Eccentric

Based on the hit book series, Confessions of Georgia Nicolson, by Louise Rennison, the film follows the eccentric and quick-witted 14-year-old heroine, her beloved cat Angus, and best friends the Ace Group as they try to get "gorgeous sex gods" as boyfriends and throw the best ever 15th birthday party.

The film is Chadha's take on American high school movies such as Clueless and Mean Girls. When two "fit" brothers, Robbie and Tom, who play in a band called the Stiff Dylans, move into Georgia's street in Eastbourne, the action and snogging practice begins.

Tom and the rest of the band were brought in to work alongside the two actors in the

film but have gone on to become a musical force in their own right with appearances on MTV and children's channel Nickelodeon.

He said: "It was an audition for a band within a film, but just for the film really. We ended up doing a song called Ultraviolet. But we really clicked and started working together as a band."

"The film role developed and we realised there was life for the band afterwards, which was unexpected."

Tom studied music at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford, Surrey, along with singer James and the other two band members.

Celebrity

Knowing each other helped the band gel, he said. "It was really like two groups merging and I think we were chosen because they thought these personality types really click."

The band have been enjoying the trappings of celebrity already, appearing at premieres throughout the summer, including the first showing of comic book adaptation Iron Man, starring Robert Downey Jr, and arty monster flick Cloverfield.

Asked what was next for the band, Tom said: "The Stiff Dylans was just the name of the band in the film, so we need to come up with a new one. We haven't yet, but we're going to let our fans vote for a name. Then we can see what people think and they'll feel more involved with the band."

"We're going to spend the rest of the year working on an album and performing, mainly around London."

"We'll do a pre-single that will be free to download. In the new year we'll be releasing the album and hopefully taking it to America with the film when it premieres."

Tom described the band's sound as "pop/rock" and "optimistic".

On their website the band list Nirvana, Biffy Clyro and Radiohead as favourites, although their catchy offering from the film is more reminiscent of McFly and Busted, who also had huge success with the young teen market.

More about the Stiff Dylans can be found at www.myspace.com/stiffdylansmusic.

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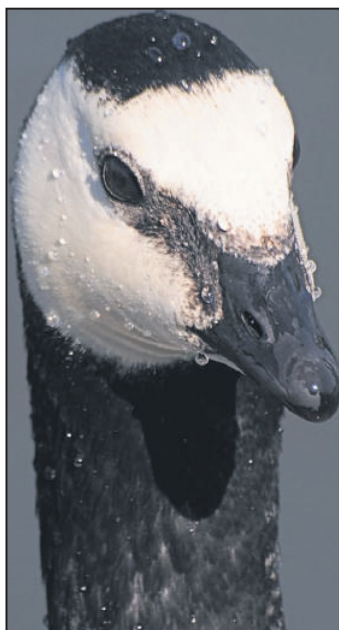
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No more dolly birds, says Sixties snapper

BIRD LIFE: Justin de Villeneuve's shots of a barnacle goose (left) and American wood duck are on display at the observatory



By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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FORMER supermodel photographer Justin de Villeneuve shot birds of a different variety for his latest exhibition this weekend.

Widely regarded as the man who discovered 1960s icon Twiggy, Mr de Villeneuve is now a member of the Sandwich Bay bird observatory and field centre.

Forty-four of his finest photographs go on display at the centre in Guildford Road, Sandwich, on Sunday and can be seen until 4pm on Monday.

Mr de Villeneuve, who has also worked with rock legend David Bowie, said there was no contest when it came to which sort of photography he preferred.

He said: "Photographing birds is the best thing I've ever done. I was used to Vogue shoots with fashion models, but birds are more enjoyable to work with. They don't talk back or charge extortionate rates."

Snapping

Mr de Villeneuve said since joining the field centre, which is run by a trust as a registered charity, he spends most of his mornings taking pictures.

He said: "I always have my camera with me and started snapping away at the birds I came across. My humble knowledge of ornithology has somewhat broadened."

The exhibition forms part of a family event at the centre, which runs from 9am until 4pm on both days.

Visitors will be able to go on guided walks and there will also be natural history displays, stalls, refreshments and a raffle.

One of the prizes will be a limited edition bird photograph signed by Mr de Villeneuve.

For more information call 01304 617341 or email sbbot@talk21.com.

Cricket initiative

DISABLED children in Bromley will receive free cricket coaching as part of a new sports initiative.

The Free Sport for All scheme has been set up by Capital radio station's Help a London Child charity, and will eventually be extended to aid disadvantaged teenagers too.

Bromley District Cricket Coaching will oversee the sessions. For more information visit www.capitalradio.co.uk.

IVOR the Engine co-creator Peter Firmin was on hand to launch a fun weekend at Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway.

All Aboard with Ivor is an annual event at the railway, but this year's could be the last as the charity has been told to vacate the site by January 28 next year.

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The passes have meant that parents have been given a break over the summer too - pass holders have been able to travel all over the county without needing to rely on mum or dad's taxi service.

When it comes to the first day of term, using the Freedom Pass is one thing that students won't have to worry about.

Students who have applied for either a new or renewed pass will receive a letter of confirmation from Kent County Council. All they need to do is show the letter to the bus driver on the first day of term and the new pass will be waiting for them at school.

The scheme is currently available for young people at schools in the districts of Canterbury, Dover, Maidstone, Shepway, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells. The good news is that Swale and Thanet will be included from the New Year, with the scheme being countywide by next summer.

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Thanet	Start current	Finish 29.8.08	Road Hereson Road, Ramsgate	Reason Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
Canterbury	Start current	Finish 29.8.08	Road Reculver Road, Herne Bay	Reason Road closure - carriageway works
Maidstone	Start 25.8.08	Finish 1.9.08	Road Busbridge Road, Loose	Reason Road closure - telecoms works
Tonbridge & Malling	Start 26.8.08	Finish 8.9.08	Road Common Road, Ightham	Reason Road closure - telecoms works
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MURDERED: Dr Victoria Anyetei (left) was left to die in her car by David Quartey

Doc stabbed 56 times by judge's son

A STRUGGLING law student has been sentenced to life in prison for stabbing to death Dr Victoria Anyetei.

David Quartey was found guilty of murdering the consultant paediatrician, who acted as his guardian, in Dartford last August.

The 22-year-old, the son of a High Court judge in Ghana, killed Dr Anyetei on the same day she said she would contact his parents after he failed to turn up for two exams.

"I have no doubt that on August 14 last year, in an episode of uncontrollable rage, Quartey brutally murdered his guardian as she sat in her car," Judge Jeremy Carey said while sentencing Quartey at Maidstone Crown Court on Thursday.

"He had, by his own shortcomings, driven this poor lady to distraction when all she wished was for him to make the best of his life. He stabbed the doctor to death in a frenzied attack. The most sinister part of this act was when he took steps in a cool and calculated way to hide his tracks."

Suspect

The court heard how the "highly dangerous young man" had stabbed Dr Anyetei 56 times in the driveway of the home they shared in Teynham Road.

The 54-year-old was found dead in her car at 10.20am after she had left the house at around 7.30am to go to work at St Thomas' Hospital in London.

Kent Police's Detective Superintendent Anne Brittain, the senior investigating officer in the case, said: "This was a chal-

lenging case to investigate as there was initially no clear motive or suspect.

"Dr Anyetei led a professional and relatively simple life which revolved around her family, church and work."

She said Quartey lied continuously about the circumstances leading up to his guardian's death in an attempt to cover up his horrific crime, she said.

During the four-week trial the jury heard how, after he had killed Dr Anyetei and left her in her Toyota Avensis, he then got rid of the murder weapon and pretended to discover her body two hours later.

A combination of his story unravelling and forensic work by experts led police to arrest and charge Quartey, who described himself as his victim's nephew, in September last year.

Superintendent Paul Gladstone, deputy area commander for north Kent, said: "Dr Anyetei was a well respected and loved member of our community and her murder was a shocking crime which affected everyone who knew her."

Dr Anyetei came from a large Ghanaian family and had moved to England in 1996. Her son Andrew Thompson was living with her at the time of her murder.

Her brother, Jonathan, said: "We are very happy with the verdict, and are so pleased that we have now got justice for Victoria."

"On behalf of the family, I would like to thank the police for all their hard work in helping us to find closure to this sad event."

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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Young journo loving it in Beijing

THE ultimate work experience placement has been handed to a budding young journalist from Beckenham.

Luis Dartnall, 13, is currently in Beijing reporting on the trials and tribulations of the Olympic Games, having won a competition set up by McDonald's. His work can be read on www.mcdonalds.co.uk.

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City approves theatre facelift



MULTI-million pound renovation plans for the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury have been given the go-ahead.

The city council's development control committee approved the £25.2 million scheme for a 1,200-seat auditorium and a second 150-seat performance space on Tuesday night, by an 11-2 vote.

Landscaping of the complex, on the site of the old theatre which dates from the 1920s when it was a cinema, and The Friars Motor Company next door, was also approved.

The old theatre, in The Friars, will close its doors early next year with the renovated building ready in 2011.

During that period productions will be staged at other venues across the city. The popular pantomime, for example, is expected to be staged in a heated, circus-style big top.

The rebuild will result in a main auditorium seating 1,134 with no unobstructed views.

Extravagant

Many large touring companies will not come to theatres seating less than 1,000, so breaking this figure could mean higher profile productions and more complex sets.

A second, smaller performance space is envisaged for less extravagant productions such as dance or physical theatre. It is also expected this will be available for local drama groups and schools to use.

The plans are the work of architect Keith Williams, whose earlier work includes the revamped Natural History Museum in London.

His designs include a remodeled fly-tower – where equipment and scenery is stored – which will mirror the cathedral on the city skyline. Mr Williams said: "I am very con-

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scious of the importance of the Marlowe in terms of what it means to Canterbury.

"For instance, if you look at the existing fly-tower it really is a large lump. But it is also the second tallest building after the cathedral tower.

"I felt if it could not be reduced in size – and that is not possible as it serves such a crucial function – then it could be turned into a thing of elegance and become a new pinnacle on the city skyline pointing towards the cathedral."

Prince Edward is royal patron of the new project which also had the late Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart as its president.

Actor Orlando Bloom, who appeared at the Marlowe early in his career, is a patron of the theatre.

Others include actor Joanna Lumley and musician and TV presenter Jools Holland.

The majority of the funding is coming from Canterbury council, Kent County Council, and the South East England Development Agency.

But it is hoped £6 million will be raised from private donations over the next three years.

The city council has been behind the project since the outset and says the theatre has the potential to attract thousands more visitors to the city each year.

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Trust's LINK will enable public to check on NHS

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LINKs across the county will allow people to check how health and social care issues are planned and run and

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

allow people to flag up problems to their local authority and NHS bosses.

Cllr Graham Arthur, Bromley council's member for adult and community services, said: "Bromley's LINK will give people real powers to make recommendations to those responsible for providing local services. I am pleased this independent body has the expert help it will need to make this happen."

A spokeswoman for the trust

said the charity was delighted to have won the contract to provide the LINK service.

She said: "At Shaw Trust we believe in the ability of a well-informed LINK to influence the provision of health and social care services in Bromley to the benefit of all. We have extensive experience in community engagement and look forward to helping build a strong voice representing all the people of Bromley."

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Buckmore looking to find future stars of F1

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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Driver training classes being well received by youngsters

A TOP karting circuit has started offering classes for children as young as six – the first lessons of their kind in Europe.

Formula One ace Lewis Hamilton was discovered by race team Vodafone McLaren Mercedes at Buckmore Park, near Chatham, and the likes of Johnny Herbert and Jensen Button cut their teeth there too.

Now the acclaimed circuit continues to lead the way in driver training for British F1 stars of the future.

The 1,200m outdoor circuit has introduced a Bambino Kart School and Club for six and seven-year-olds.

Buckmore boss Bill Sisley said the response has been fantastic, with more than 130 kids being put through the various school levels since March and 48 attending the first Bambino Clubs recently.

He said it proves this age group can cope with driving in a carefully controlled area using competition karts fitted with two-stroke, 50cc engines.

The circuit supplies all the safety equipment, as well as licensed instructors.

The Bambino Club is the first rung of a ladder of success at Buckmore for young drivers. Already, the Junior Kart Club for eight to 16-year-olds has attracted more than 500 youngsters during the last three years.

It provides everything a young driver needs, including the use of identical Honda Powered 160cc karts and all safety gear.

The club is split into two age groups – eight to 13 and 11 to 16. Drivers quickly learn their race craft and many have now moved up to the

next level, which is MSA competition karting, where competitors use their own equipment.

Mr Sisley said already 20 or so of the Junior Kart Club drivers are competing successfully in owner/driver MSA karting and a few are racing at the highest level in both the UK and Europe.

He said: "I believe these drivers would never have started karting unless it had been for the junior club, where costs are subsidised."

Some of the junior club drivers, who are now 16, have moved on to compete in Buckmore's hire kart club championships for adults, which are held on a regular basis at the venue. There are currently more than 2,500 members of the adult club.

Waiting list

Once youngsters become members of the junior club they gain access to the lively Junior Forum on the Buckmore website, as well as use of the lapalizer system which allows every driver to view, compare and download the various performance graphs.

Junior club members also receive invitations to social events and free of charge access to spectate at MSA-licensed race meetings at Buckmore.

The club operates all year round, organising

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YOUNG GUNS: Buckmore Park, near Chatham, has introduced a Bambino Kart School and Club for six and seven-year-olds, providing them with a controlled environment to learn the sport



winter championships between November and February, and summer championships between March and October.

In winter, the monthly rounds are normally held at weekends and in the summer rounds take place during the school holiday.

Another initiative launched at Buckmore recently is the Motor Sports Association-backed Let's Go Karting scheme where youngsters receive basic training from licensed instructors for only £5.

This scheme, which operates nationwide, has already been a resounding success at Buckmore, with over 250 youngster aged eight to 16 already booked in and a massive waiting list. Mr Sisley, whose Kart School has trained British champions since 1972 and whose company has manufactured championship winning karts for three decades, said: "Over the last 35 years I have been passionate about introducing youngsters into karting and the idea of all our new initiatives is to offer young drivers from all backgrounds between the ages of six and 16 the chance to experience the thrill of kart racing at a reasonable cost.

"Our kart school, for instance, has trained more than 750 youngsters in the last three years and hopefully our ladder of success will find the next Lewis Hamilton."

And John Surtees, the only man to win world championships on two and four wheels, is a supporter of the circuit and takes a very keen interest in the school and junior club, which his son Henry attended in his early karting days.

He is also involved in the development of a proposed Motorsport Training and Technology Centre at Buckmore and this project will incorporate a circuit extension to 1500m, the full international length.

Mr Surtees said: "Karting has so much to offer to not only motorsport, but also to the community.

"Whether a youngster goes on to drive a Formula One car or finds some other place within the motorsport industry, or in turn just takes that experience of his first slides or locked-up brakes forward to when he or she becomes a motorcycle or car owning driver on our roads, it has a part to play.

"At Buckmore Park we hope to reach out into the community and give young people from all backgrounds an opportunity.

"It is to be hoped that those that govern our sport will one day appreciate how important grass roots karting is and therefore more emphasis should be placed on the club scene and the encouragement of youngsters to get involved in the first place."

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Race for Life becomes the dash for cash

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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CANCER Research UK has appealed for all women who took part in this year's Race for Life fundraisers across the county to chase up their sponsorship money.

Last year an estimated one in three participants nationwide failed to stump up any cash after the event and the charity is keen to avoid a repeat.

Almost 20,000 women took part in races throughout Kent between May 3 and July 27, including in Ashford, Folkestone, Gillingham, Herne Bay, Birchington, Maidstone and Paddock Wood.

Organiser Natasha Etienne hailed the fundraising push a "tremendous success", but urged all participants to return their sponsorship.

She said: "Research into cancer is hugely expensive because of the cutting-edge technologies involved. If we are to help more families stay together for longer, we need to raise as much money as possible to fund pioneering research. Regrettably, it's not unusual for



FUN RUN: Medway Race for Life girls

all kinds of charity events to suffer from a minority of participants failing to raise funds.

"Yet, clearly, if one-in-three women don't send back their sponsorship money after experiencing the unique and inspiring atmosphere of Race for Life, our ability to support more world-class science is affected."

Last year's Race for Life events in Kent raised £1.2 million for the charity, but organisers want to beat that tally this time round.

The work of Cancer Research UK has led to huge progress in the field and hundreds of thousands of lives being saved.

About a fifth of the money spent on research is funded by Race for Life competi-

tors and the charity wants this to continue.

Patron Gloria Hunniford, from Sevenoaks, who lost her daughter Caron Keating to breast cancer four years ago, said: "I know at first hand how devastating cancer can be.

"Progress is being made and with all the advances in cancer research in the last few years. If Caron had been diagnosed today she might just have beaten this terrible disease.

"That's why Race for Life is so important, as it helps to fund a significant portion of Cancer Research UK's pioneering work.

"But we can only make a difference and continue to achieve breakthroughs if everyone who took part raises money and returns it as soon as possible. I urge women, if they haven't done so already, to send back their fundraising money or consider making a donation so more lives can be saved."

For information on how to return sponsorship money, or to make a donation, visit www.raceforlife.org or call 0871 641228.

Taxpayers are reminded to Gift Aid their sponsorship returns, which means Cancer Research UK can claim back an extra 28 per cent from the Government.



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IN THE PINK: Race for Life organisers have appealed for runners who took part in this year's events across Kent to send in their sponsorship money to help fund vital cancer research

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ZERO TOLERANCE: Police say anyone who assaults an officer faces prosecution

Shocking number of attacks on police

Nearly 2,000 assaults over two years

FRONTLINE police officers in Kent were assaulted almost 2,000 times in the last two years, equating to nearly two attacks per day.

Officers in Mid Kent were the most attacked, suffering 347 incidents, while those in Medway

EXCLUSIVE

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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and West Kent were assaulted 168 and 190 times respectively.

The Kent Police figures, obtained using the Freedom of Information Act, are for "assaults without injury" filed between April 2006 and March of this year.

The number of more serious attacks on our officers during the same period is not collated, but could bring the frequency of assaults down.

However, the year-on-year figures paint a more positive picture, with the total number of assaults dropping from 763 in 2006/2007 to 634 in 2007/2008 – a 16 per cent reduction.

The biggest fall could be seen in Mid Kent, which experienced 146 attacks in the second year, compared to 201 in the first.

South Kent also saw a large decrease of 103 assaults, from 141 in the previous year.

The only region that saw a rise in attacks on officers was west Kent, which saw 92 in the first year and 98 in the second.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beaurtridge said the force took a dim view on people who attacked its officers.

He added: "The safety of the public and our

officers is paramount. Our officers receive specific training to enable them to deal with public order incidents.

"We do not tolerate attacks on police officers and anyone found committing these offences will be arrested and brought before the courts."

Kent police chiefs also said body cameras rolled out across the force were already helping to secure prosecutions against those who attack officers.

They gave the example of 45-year-old Gravesend man Richard Skeates, who in May became the first man to be convicted using such technology. He received an 11-year sentence for striking a policeman across the head with a samurai sword.

Chief Superintendent Paul Brandon, area commander for north Kent, said: "The body-worn video technology we are now using is a valuable tool for policing in the 21st century, especially when we can show a court and jury first-hand footage of the incident or the aftermath and impact on the victim, as we saw in this case."

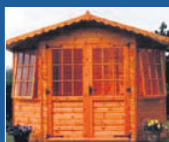
A further 80 cameras will be rolled out in the coming weeks to officers working in neighbourhood teams, training and development units including probationary units and tactical teams.

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Merchant Navy in call for new generation of seafarers

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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SHIPS carry 95 per cent of the country's international trade, from the oil that powers our cars to electronic goods from the Far East.

Britain was once a great seafaring nation, with the largest merchant navy in the world, but recent decades have seen a sharp decline in the number of maritime professionals.

The National Sea Training Centre, which is part of North West Kent College in Gravesend, is one of only four small training bases in the country offering courses for people who want to join the Merchant Navy and further training for those who are already members.

Generations

Paul Russell, head of the school, said: "One of the problems with the Merchant Navy is that we've got an ever increasing age profile. People are staying in the industry and not enough youngsters coming in."

"Merchant shipping has been deceased. It used to be that families knew someone who had gone to sea, it was in everyone's blood, but it is not there any more. The public does not know it exists."

Formerly known as the Gravesend Sea School, the centre has been training generations of seafarers for 90 years.

KOS Media joined six Sea Cadets, from the Isle of Sheppey and Gravesend, and four



FIRE SAFETY: Cadets learn how to cope with a fire onboard a ship during an exercise at the National Sea Training Centre in Gravesend

Marine Cadets from Chatham, as they took part in the fire awareness part of the safety qualification that anyone who wants to work at sea – from super-yacht crews to oil tanker workers – must gain.

At the outdoors training site at the Thameside Campus, Mr Russell, an experienced engineer officer, pointed out 27 massive cargo-ship containers.

To put into perspective what the young people could face if they joined the Merchant Navy, he said on a ship it would be usual if a

fire broke out for there to be up to 12,000 containers with a crew of only 25 responsible.

"You can't call 999," said Rob Bassie, a lecturer in firefighting at the centre. "They need to know what they are doing."

The cadets, aged 16 to 18, had spent the morning in the classroom learning about fire theory and different types of extinguishers and emergency scenarios.

Fire training at the centre is not for the faint hearted with narrow shelters emulating the confines of a ship. The chip pan demon-

stration was spectacular but as flames leapt towards the cadets it was a sobering reminder that on board a ship there is nowhere to run.

Officers and masters have to take an advanced fire awareness course, but after two days the cadets had to tackle a 'whole house' blaze with different types of fires in different rooms including wood and electrical.

As the embers died down, Mr Russell told how Gravesend itself had a strong maritime history with its close proximity to the capital.

It remains the headquarters of the Port of London Authority, which is responsible for ensuring vessels navigate safely down the Thames, and recently maritime giants AP Moller, which owns ports around the world, has moved into the north Kent town.

Mr Russell said the Danish company would bring jobs to area and benefit graduates of the centre if they wanted to work locally.

The centre is keen to attract young people from Kent and the South East, to embark on a maritime career and boost the falling number of Merchant Navy workers.

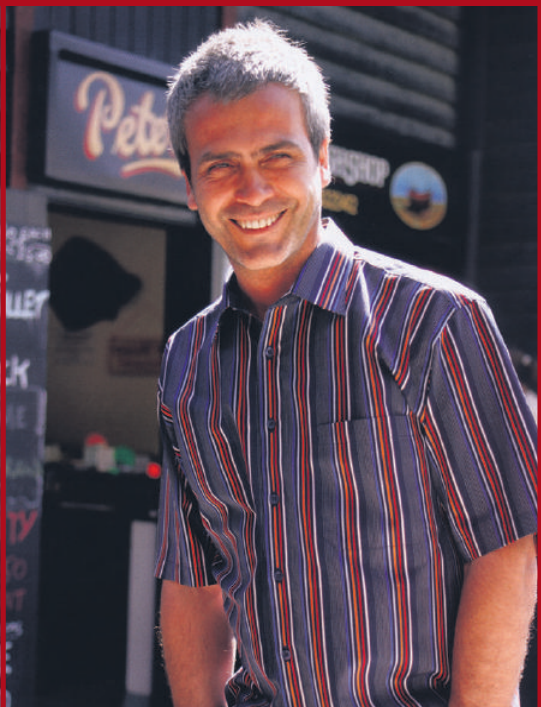
"Now is a good time in the maritime industry. It's exciting going to sea," said Mr Russell, who has worked on both large tankers and passenger ships.

"There is the cruise industry and super-yachts, which are big growth areas."

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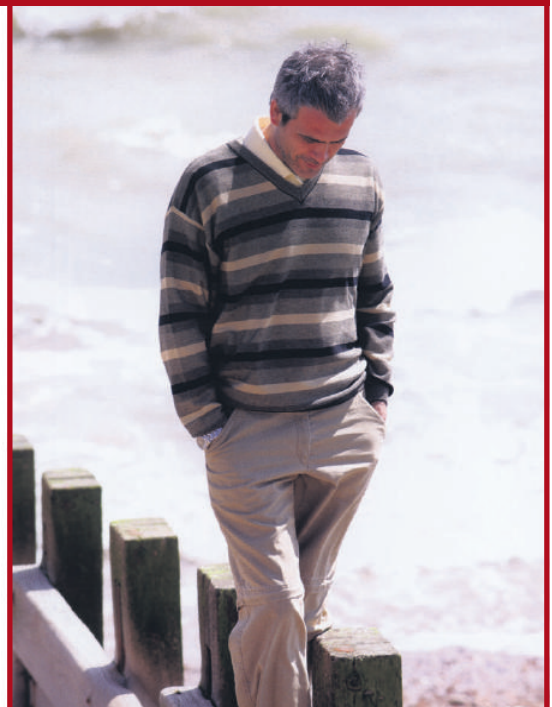
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Top chef backs food fair

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Mr Rowe's Konstram is famous for only sourcing food from places accessible via the London Underground map.

Now his passion for local produce will be showcased at the Tenterden Local Produce Fair on November 1.

The two-day event, which gets under way on October 31, is part of the second Cranbrook and Tenterden Food and Drink Festival.

The event, which last year attracted more than 1,500 visitors, looks to showcase the tastiest treats created in and around the county.

Event co-ordinator Adrian Westwood said: "This is an excellent opportunity for local producers to promote their wares, as well as give local people a taste of the excellent food to be

found on their doorstep every day."

The Cranbrook and Tenterden Food and Drink Festival includes many other culinary events. There will be cooking demonstrations by local chefs, taster sessions in local restaurants and speciality food stores.

There will also be an apple fayre where visitors will be able to savour a wide range of traditional varieties, as well as see an apple press in action and beer and wine tastings.

This year's event also sees the return of the Young Masterchef competition at Angley School, Cranbrook, where pupils from schools in Cranbrook, Tenterden and the surrounding areas will compete to produce the best meal created from local produce.

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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE number of cats abandoned by Kent owners is one of the highest in the South East – and has risen during the last three years.

According to the RSPCA, 518 were reported in the county last year, compared to 338 in 2006 and 264 in 2005 – a total of 1,120.

Outside of Greater London, which has seen a total of 2,834 abandoned over the same period, only Essex has such high figures.

The RSPCA believes the increase may be due to owners failing to have their cats micro-chipped and leaving them to fend for themselves when they go on holiday.

Strays

Regional superintendent for the South East, Paul Stilgoe, said: "While the majority of owners are responsible, we still see people going away and not making provisions for their pet, together with those who do not want to pay for veterinary care and either abandon or give up sick animals."

Many of the cats collected by the RSPCA are thought to have caring families, but without a microchip there is no way of knowing where they belong.

Animal welfare manager, Sue Knowles, said: "We often pick up sick and elderly ani-

County's feline friends near the top of RSPCA survey of numbers abandoned

mals which may well have owners, but they are reported to us as strays and we have a duty to take them in.

"They can then be rehomed, with their owner having no idea what happened to them, simply because they have nothing to identify them.

"This places a huge burden on our animal centres and branches that take in more cats than they can find homes for.

"Neutering is also vital to prevent thousands more cats from being unwanted.

"Cats often have litters of kittens their owners can't cope with and they bring them to the RSPCA and other charities, or even abandon them."

With a total of 1,309 cats reported abandoned over the three-year period, Essex is the second worst county in the South East.

East Sussex is next with 502, followed by West Sussex with 354.

Hertfordshire, Surrey and Hampshire had just 44, 21 and three reports respectively.



FELINE LOW: The RSPCA says many cats are still found without so much as a name tag

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FAST approaching a winter of discontent, 46, tall, bright, could you be my log fire and toasted marshmallow? Box 918163 TTX

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SLIM, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 TTX

HI, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTm gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 443037 TTX

DIVORCED female, 47, 5'4, curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTm a nice and gentle male, non smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 TTX

CARING, honest 48yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 TTX

CARING person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 898783 TTX

BUBBLY, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 42592 TTX

PROFESSIONAL female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 TTX

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 49, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 TTX

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435441 TTX

FUN extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5'17, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 TTX

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NON-SMOKING Mum with GSOH, 50, 5'10, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821 TTX

FEMALE 49, 5'4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55, Box 417100 TTX

DIVORCED female, 56, new to the area, enjoys going out, walking, music and nights in, WLTm a male to share fun times with. Box 442846 TTX

SUE, 59yr old, 5'4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTm a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309 TTX

AFFECTIONATE tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7, blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-55 year old loving man. Box 888880 TTX

HI there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest guy for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637 TTX

VIVACIOUS, tactile, considerate widow, 58, 5'11, smoker, well travelled, no ties, loves cruising, cooking and games, seeks genuine, interesting gentleman with similar attributes and interests. Box 442968 TTX



MEN FOR WOMEN

ADAM, 23, tall and dark, enjoys eating out, playing sports and watching movies, looking to meet a female, 23+, to share life with. Box 443444 TTX

27YR old man, good looking, various interests, very active, good personality, WLTm a nice lady to have fun with. Box 443304 TTX

GOOD looking single dad, 28, 6'1, slim, GSOH, reliable and easygoing, looking for my princess for fun, friendship and romance. Box 442933 TTX

ARRAN, 28, kind and considerate, looking for a kind and loving female with a good personality for friendship, maybe a relationship. Box 888470 TTX

FRIENDLY male, 32, 5'3", new to Eastbourne, seeks slim, attractive female, 20-35, to settle down with. Box 144371 TTX

DECENT, down-to-earth chap, 33, looking for a nice lady for fun, going out, staying in, cosy nights in and more. Box 443416 TTX

IM 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with. Box 896178 TTX

SELF-EMPLOYED male, 37, 6'11, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoy the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLTm female for long term relationship. Box 443065 TTX

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 TTX

WILL, 38, enjoys rock/pop music, films and travelling, seeking long haired princess to treat well and live happily ever after with. Box 888818 TTX

PLEASANT male, 39, 6'11, tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising, WLTm a genuine lady for a fun friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326 TTX

CARING single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTm lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530 TTX

42, medium build, 5'10, not fat lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440021 TTX

GENUINE male, 43, 6'11, slim, enjoys bowling, cinema, going to the pub and gardening, WLTm similar lady for a long-term relationship. Box 441595 TTX

43YR old dad, 5'8, medium build, average looks, GSOH, seeks less, 30-40, to share some good times with. Eastbourne. Box 443403 TTX

OLD romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5'17, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTm female to settle down with and find love. Box 443410 TTX

HI, I'm Steve, 44, N/S, single dad, romantic, trusting, honest and genuine, seeking similar woman for LTR. Box 901155 TTX

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6'11, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 888967 TTX

INTELLIGENT male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, home/car, slim, enjoys meals out, travel, good wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40s, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully leading to more. Brighton. Box 437707 TTX

CONFIDENT, loyal, laid-back, divorced, 6'11, male, 45, slim, professional, WLTm slim, pretty, non-smoking, family-orientated female, 30-45, for a loving relationship. Box 441611 TTX

LOVING and caring male, 45yr old, 5'7, no ties, WLTm a lively female to bring me out of my shell. Box 442426 TTX

KIND, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6'11, hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531 TTX

CLEAN-SHAVEN, happy male, 45, 5'10, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782 TTX

BLOD, blue-eyed male, 46, 5'8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 TTX

HI there, I'm 47, 6'11, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slims lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919 TTX

GFT builder, 48, single dad, looking for fun friendship and relationship, if you like what you hear then let me know. Box 909511 TTX

GREYING male with blue eyes, 49, 5'8, in good shape, enjoys golf, good conversation, drives, likes travelling, seeking lovely, affectionate, tactile lady for lasting romance. Box 443398 TTX

BUSY businessman, 50, medium build, enjoys cooking and eating out, WLTm female, 40-49, to wine, dine, entertain. Box 442882 TTX

TALL, non-smoking, non-drinking male, 51, enjoys countryside, WLTm nice lady for friendship and maybe more later on. Box 443364 TTX

KIND male, 50, 5'11, slim, N/S, 20 boys (19 and 18) likes eating out, visiting London, weekends. Looking for kind, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425308 TTX

YOUNG looking, romantic male, 58, 5'7", slim/medium build, like the countryside, meals out, theatre, cinema, looking for a affectionate, tactile lady to share good moments. Box 417889 TTX

SINGLE dad, 52, enjoys cooking, sports, sport, music, WLTm mature, curvy lady, 40-58, for friendship and romance. Box 443275 TTX

ATTRACTIVE male, 52, enjoys eating out, theatre and walks, WLTm a young female with similar interest for friendship and romance. Box 443063 TTX

ACTIVE male, 49, tall, slim, enjoys socialising, eating in and out, country pursuits, seeks female, for love and romance. Box 103998 TTX

HAPPY single, 53, medium build, blue eyes, 5'10, non-smoking, seeking cheerful younger lady in Folkestone area who likes animals and outdoor life. Box 441779 TTX

NOVICE rollerblader, 53, 6'11, slim, fit, good looking (apparently), artistic, enjoys walking, jogging, art-house films, seeking slim, attractive, warm-hearted lady 45-55. Box 443414 TTX

SELF-EMPLOYED male, 52, N/S, 5'10", slim, likes country/coastal walks, historical places of interest, WLTm slim lady, 30-45, with similar interests. Box 893159 TTX

ROMANTIC male, 54, 5'8, medium build, GSOH, enjoys seaside walks, cinema, cosy nights in, WLTm a medium build lady, 40-50, for a relationship. East Sussex. Box 443342 TTX

PART-TIME mature student, 55, 5'9, enjoys walking, gardening, trips to the coast and old buildings, WLTm N/S honest, kind and caring lady. 40+. Box 432524 TTX

CONFIDENT sociable guy, 54, 5'6, stocky, strong and fit, I work in antiques, and have a GSOH, I'm looking for a nice woman, 43-55. Box 426826 TTX

OLD-FASHIONED, traditional male, loyal, honest, 56, 5'10, grown-up kids, likes the coast, country parks, car fairs, various music, dining in/out. Box 431482 TTX

CARING male, 51, 5'8, medium build, enjoys eating, swimming, DVDs, seeks slim female for sincere happy times. Leatherhead lady, call, again message was distorted! Box 441007 TTX

IM Patrick, 61, 6'12, reasonable looking, not fat, enjoys playing music and painting, N/S, ohac, WLTm smart, attractive female for companionship, maybe more. Bechill-on-Sea. Box 443435 TTX

SEMI-RETIRED black male, 61, enjoys music, sports, reading, beach walks, seeks female, 50-65, for friendship first, possibly more. Box 405533 TTX

AFFECTIONATE single Dad, 62, 5'6, blonde, green eyes, attractive, likes playing bridge, cinema, holidays, restaurants, seeks genuine bubbly female for laughter and more. Box 403590 TTX

68YR old fit, easygoing, loving, tactile man, seeking a lady for friendship and possibly LTR. Enjoy gardening, pets, meals out etc. Box 438966 TTX

EASYGOING, affectionate, Ashford man, 68, enjoys music, walking, cosy nights in, seeking an attractive lady for genuine companionship. Box 422246 TTX

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SINGLE mum of 2, 32, WLTm someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406970 TTX

NICE, fun-loving single mum, 1, 32, 5'7", brown hair, like cinema, walks, WLTm caring male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. East Sussex. Box 409416 TTX

CURVY brunette, 33, 5'4, single mum, WLTm a special man, divorced or separated, to share the nice things in life with. Box 443255 TTX

CURVY brunette, 5'4, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256 TTX

LAD-BACK yet outgoing nurse, 33, 5'12, faithful, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916 TTX

IM Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring woman, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar chap, so call me and let's see how it goes. Box 901072 TTX

OUTGOING, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 TTX

SINGLE, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782 TTX

LOVING female, 36, 5'4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 442866 TTX

BLACK haired brown haired female, 37, recently separated, seeking genuine male for fun, evenings out, perhaps in, perhaps love. Box 443407 TTX

FUN-LOVING single mum, 37, 5'8, loves going out, staying in and having fun, WLTm a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290 TTX

SINGLE mum, 37, fun-loving, bent hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness (no time wasters!) Box 908053 TTX

CUTE, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 TTX

BUBBLY, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 TTX

LOVELY single mum, 38, 5'4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun, laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889 TTX

HONEST, hard-working female, 36, enjoys most things, seek similar male for love and romance. Box 374656 TTX

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship. Box 301893 TTX

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HAPPY-LO LUCKY lady with nice smile, 62, 5'10, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out, animals, WLTm loving man for friendship, long-term relationship. Box 443177 TTX

BLONDE female, 62, divorced, slim, enjoys 60s music, walks, meals and trips to the seaside, WLTm male, 59-64, for a loving companionship. Box 442443 TTX

WIDOW, early 60s, 5'4, dark hair/eyes, medium build, N/S, loving, caring, no ties, enjoys travelling, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy life with. Box 441177 TTX

YOUNG, active, outgoing, sociable female, 64, looking for a life partner, someone to share experiences, special moments and more with. Box 443332 TTX

Women for men

TRACEY, 23, 5'12, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubclubs, WLTm similar female for a relationship. Box 443248 TTX

FUN-LOVING female, 28, in the Canterbury area, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889771 TTX

40-YEAR-OLD gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTm gay woman for friendship. Box 894541 TTX

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MP's praise for England's first black footballer and World War One officer 'Hero Tull deserves a medal'



LEADER OF MEN: 2nd Lieutenant Walter Tull, Britain's first black footballer, excelled on the battlefield and on the football pitch

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A TORY MP has called for black World War One hero and footballer Walter Tull to be awarded a posthumous Military Cross for bravery.

Brian Binley has introduced an early day motion in the House of Commons calling for recognition of Mr Tull's achievements in early 20th century Britain, when racist attitudes were common.

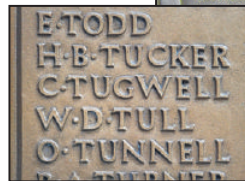
The MP for Northampton called him an inspiration for people from all backgrounds.

Mr Tull, who was born in Folkestone and also lived in Dover, was the first black outfield player to perform in top-class football.

He played for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town before volunteering for the British Army. He died on the Western Front in 1918. Despite the efforts of his troops, Mr Tull's body was never recovered. His football career took off in 1909 when he signed as a professional for Spurs and he experienced spectator racism for the first time at Bristol City.

According to one writer, "a section of the spectators made a cowardly attack on him in language lower than Billingsgate".

He added: "Let me tell those Bristol hooligans that Tull is so clean in mind and method as to be a model for all white men who play football,



PIONEER: Northampton Town's memorial to Walter Tull, above, and his name on Dover's war memorial, left

whether they be amateur or professional. In point of ability, if not actual achievement, Tull was the best forward on the field."

In October 1911, Mr Tull moved to Northampton Town before joining the Army. Despite military regulations against "any negro or person of colour" being an officer, he received his commission in May 1917.

On March 25, 1918, 2nd Lieutenant Tull was ordered to lead his men in an attack on the German trenches at Favreuil.

Soon after entering No Man's Land he was hit by a bullet. But he was such a popular officer that his men made valiant efforts, under heavy machine-gun fire, to bring him back to the British lines.

Since his story was rediscovered during investigations into the history of those commemorated on Dover's war memorial, Mr Tull has been hailed as "a pioneer of multiculturalism".

Last week, Piara Power, the director of football's anti-racist group Kick it Out, hailed Mr Tull as an "inspiration." He added: "Minority heroes can be overlooked. Mr Tull is very significant. He was a black officer when it was not common, and his football achievements rank alongside that."

For a look at an exhibition on the life of Walter Tull visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk and enter 'Tull' in the search box.

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Benefits cheat 'forgot' to mention boyfriend

SINGLE mum Lesley Harris "forgot" to tell the Department of Work and Pensions she had been living with her partner for five years.

Harris, 32, of Sycamore Close, Chartham, near Canterbury, claimed benefits worth £29,122 before she was caught in November last year.

Paul Greene, prosecuting, said Harris had been claiming benefits

legitimately since August 2000. But when Alan Lindsay moved into her house she carried on claiming, Canterbury magistrates were told.

When investigators interviewed her, Harris said her boyfriend only stayed at weekends when she did his laundry.

His income was paid into an account set up for their young daughter.

Lucy Welsh, defending, said the relationship was problematic and turbulent. She said Mr Lindsay was financially unreliable and while she paid the gas and electric, he paid the phone bill.

To make ends meet she was doing a paper round for £12 a week. The case was adjourned until September 10 for probation reports.

Police release image in hunt for sex pest

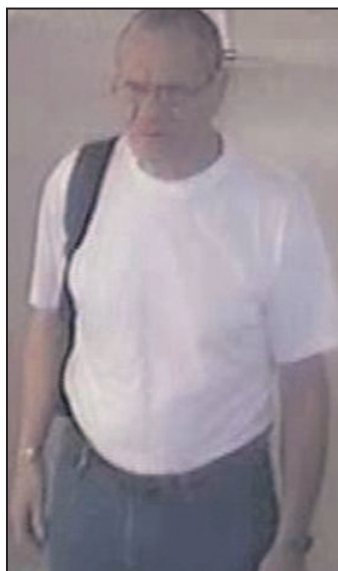
THIS CCTV image of a man suspected of exposing himself on trains in north Kent has been released by police.

Women ranging from their early 20s to their mid-60s have witnessed the lewd acts, mostly when travelling between Gravesend and Lewisham.

Det Con Andy Parkinson of the British Transport Police said: "Our investigation has so far linked offences dating back to March 2007, with the most recent offence occurring at Dartford in June this year."

The man is described as being between 45 and 55, with short cropped or receding grey hair. He also wears glasses.

DC Parkinson added that the man is believed to have connections with Medway, Dartford and Croydon. The CCTV image was captured at Dartford railway station. Anyone with information should call the British Transport Police on 0800 405040, or the witness appeal line on 0207 391 5275 quoting log B5 of August 20.



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Portrait of the artist as

An exhibition at County Hall in Maidstone has brought together works by renowned Kent artist John Downton and youngsters supported through an awards scheme set up in his memory and now in its eighth year

AN AWARDS scheme set up in memory of a treasured portrait artist to encourage self-expression and communication of young people's ideas and beliefs has reached its eighth anniversary.

John Downton, who came from Sevenoaks, is one of the county's most renowned artists.

After his death in 1991 his sister, Hilda, thought about how she could help foster the creativity of students in the same way her brother's ability flourished through encouragement from teachers and peers. The arts development unit at Kent County Council was approached by Hilda in 2000

and has provided advice and administrative backing for the awards, which are supported financially by the John Downton Trust. Additional sponsorship comes from the Kent People's Trust, Kent Police and the University College for the Creative Arts.

More than 45 schools across the county now take part in the awards and the work of more than 1,800 stu-

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dents aged between 11 and 18 has been exhibited. To mark the success of the awards, a retrospective exhibition of Mr Downton's work is being held alongside that of the young artists he influenced and supported posthumously through the awards. The exhibition can be seen at County Hall in Maidstone until Friday.

Victoria Danville, cultural programmes coordinator at KCC, said:

"The exhibition was to highlight the wealth of ability John had and how that has influenced the young artists. John's work shows a fun, experimental side to his character, as well as depicting

a deep understanding of the media he used. His work, like the work of many young people, focuses on those around him and the influence they had on his life."

Mr Downton trained at the prestigious Slade School of Fine Art in London and lived in Sevenoaks for most of his life. He was renowned for



MAN WITH PIPE: By John Downton

his technical capability and worked alongside – and was inspired by – Sir Stanley Spencer, the great British artist who died in 1959.

Miss Danville said: "Hilda once told me her brother would not have been the artist, musician and person he became without the encouragement he received, through his art, as a young person. She also said it helped him to express his feelings as a child



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an inspiration to youth



ONE OF A KIND: Robert Callaghar's outstanding portrait could be his last

and capture moments of great enjoyment as an adult."

She said encouragement gave Mr Downton the self-confidence when he was studying at the Slade to stand up for himself when he was challenged about his traditional style when others were in favour of the teachings of the modernist movement.

He stood his ground and kept his style, heavily influenced by Renaissance art, before developing a more abstract leaning later in his long career. Miss Danville said the awards scheme was set up not only to encourage painting and drawing among the county's young people but also self-expression and self-belief through communicating their ideas and showcasing them to a wider audience.

She said one of the young artists who took part in the latest exhibition, Robert Callaghar, showed outstanding technical ability but, sadly, feels the portrait he produced while in his final year at St Simon Stock School in Maidstone,

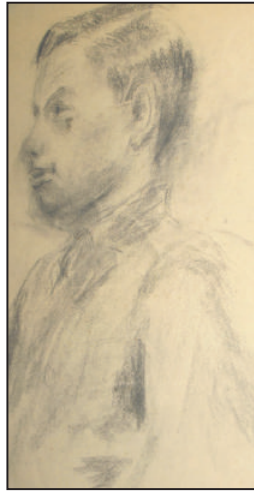


HOLY ICON: Exhibition painting of Canterbury Cathedral by Matthew Perfect of Astor College

launched to see how promising young artists could be better supported in the future.

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SELF PORTRAIT: John Downton

would be his last.

"He goes on to say in his artist's statement that he is not continuing to study art. He feels unconvinced that art could have an impact on the world.

"I hope Robert sees that art is integral to everyone's life and that people interact with art every day through design, fashion and leisure activities."

She said she hoped he would realise his potential and feel proud to have been chosen to be part of the retrospective. Miss Danville said the awards scheme was in a state of change, with a consultation process

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COMMENT

Statistics are not the whole story

WHEN people go for job interviews they like to think they stand as good a chance as anybody else on the shortlist.

But if new statistics are to be believed, black and ethnic minority candidates do not feel the benefit of equal rights when applying for jobs in the health profession.

According to the South East Coast Black and Minority Ethnic Network, such workers account for 31 per cent of those short-listed for acute trust jobs but only 16 per cent of appointees.

The network adds that only a third of shortlisted candidates are offered jobs, while for PCTs it is half as many.

It is easy to wonder about racism when looking at statistics such as these, but it is important not to get carried away.

People within the industry have questioned their validity because some of the data samples are not large enough, so the figures must be treated with caution.

However, health trusts in Kent should be looking at why these disproportionate patterns have appeared and what more they can do to support more minority staff into leadership and top-paid positions.

The dash for cash

ACCORDING to Cancer Research UK, one-in-three women who took part in last year's Race for Life did not return their sponsorship money.

The charity wants to avoid a repeat this year and has appealed for all Kent participants to send in their cash.

What is the point of taking part in a fundraiser if you are not going to raise any funds? Come on ladies, do the right thing.

OPINION:

Give yourself a bit of credit

STEVE KNIGHT says pulling our belts in because of the current economical climate need not be such a harrowing experience

For many people who do not have to travel relatively long distances to work, I'm guessing the extra 20p or so a litre is not going to have that big an impact on their lives.

And for those who do drive miles upon miles every day, their incentive for doing so is probably a hefty pay cheque so they can afford it anyway.

So what about bills? British Gas contacted me the other day to let me know my electricity rates were going up, but at least they gave me some energy-saving light bulbs to soften the blow.

It may seem a fairly simple ges-

ture, but it is just one way that we can cut down on our use of electricity, water and gas.

Simply taking a shower instead of running a bath every day can save you money, but do bath-lovers ever consider that when they're moaning about water rate increases?

As for the credit crunch stopping some people from going out as much, there are lots of people that cannot afford that anyway. Many of them are known as mums and dads.

The fact of the matter is, every single person's financial situation is unique and we all have to spend our money accordingly.



The credit crunch is not automatically going to make a person with moderate wealth poverty-stricken, nor will it make less well-off people homeless. All it will do is make us each think more carefully about how we spend our money.

We would all like to buy the most expensive products but for many of us that has never been an option. We have always had to spend within our means and the credit crunch will not change that.

If you do not have much money but still spend plenty every week on cigarettes, alcohol and gambling, then more fool you. Even if there wasn't a credit crunch, you would still find yourselves in trouble.

So the next time you switch on your radio or television and hear the latest doom-and-gloom story on the state of the economy, just consider whether it really is that bad for you personally.

After all, as the old saying goes - money doesn't always buy you happiness.

'The credit crunch is not going to make a person with moderate wealth poverty-stricken, nor will it make less well-off people homeless... it will make us each think more carefully about how we spend our money.'

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Seafront not so sweet

I agree with the writer of last week's letter headed 'Margate's honeypot'.

Much of the seafront and surrounding area is in a sorry state. Am I not correct in thinking that there are lottery funds available to assist such areas and Margate, which could become a welcoming resort once more, must be a contender for such help?

Mr G D Nunn, Birchington

Three-pronged attack

After moving to Broadstairs recently I have three concerns: policing, speeding and litter.

I have contacted my MP, the police and local councillor, yet so far there has been no action on litter in Gladstone Road and Ramsgate Road.

The police and highways authority both say they are not responsible and will not do anything about speeding cars in the same roads because no-one (except me) has ever complained – even if drivers are constantly well over the speed limit.

Why is it that officers can be found to police large money-making events but not to stop the law breakers who affect ordinary folk?

I was told that if lots of people complained something might be done. Everyone, please complain to Margate police at Broadstairs police station is rarely open.

Name and address supplied

Labouring the point

I see from Helen Jerse's letter last week that Mr Granger of West Malling hates the Labour Party. Big deal. So do I, Ms Jerse. The sooner your party calls a general election the better it will be for the UK. Let the people decide – never mind your petty politics.

A Wanstell, Faversham

Allegiance to the truth

If Helen Jerse had read my previous letters she would know that, unlike her, I have no blind allegiance to any political party.

Gentleman of the old school

When Sandy Bruce-Lockhart left Kent County Council as its leader I wrote a letter in these columns to thank him for his cooperation during his stewardship.

In true character, he wrote a kind letter to thank me. In an age where good manners and gentleness mean very little, Sandy Bruce-Lockhart exemplified the old values of consideration and good manners.

He was professional and helpful. KCC has not been the same since 2005 and I sincerely hope this good man rests in peace.

Graham Wanstell, Open Spaces Society



My only allegiance is to what I hope to be the truth. Politicians love people like her who believe "my party, right or wrong", as they don't ask awkward questions and attack each other instead of the real target – politicians.

She says I am slandering Gordon Brown. Why should anybody need to slander him?

Any can see this gaffe-prone, incompetent Government is in a hole of its own making and is still digging.

Mr Brown is taking billions out of our pensions, sold our gold reserves at a low price, refused us a promised referendum on the EU, has increased the gulf between the rich and the poor, didn't understand abolishing the 10p tax band would cause hardship and gives billions to foreign countries, while denying dying people vital drug treatment.

Had the Tories done this, Labour's rent-a-mob would have taken to the streets.

No wonder this country lurches from one bunch of losers to another. With voters who are unable to assimilate the truth or think for themselves, we have no chance.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Typhoon's chilly blast

It is reported that the Government is attempting to persuade the Japanese to take Typhoon aircraft off its hands as the exchequer is short of funds.

Bearing in mind that the first duty of a government is the defence of the realm, could your readers be told just how much of British taxpayers' money is squandered abroad, first

by the regular payments to the EU in Brussels and also to various "good causes" in African states, which in fact very often find their way into the pockets of the rascals in control?

Sheila Donaldson, Bromley

Not mincing words

If you went to a carvery and found all the usual meats on offer – turkey, pork, lamb, beef – had all been turned into one flavour mince, would you go again? Probably not.

But this is what is happening with our continued membership of the EU.

While several readers have recently complained of what they see as Ukip's anti-Europe stance, surely the very opposite is true. By suggesting that if each country retained its own national government, identity and customs, then surely Ukip is appreciative of different cultures?

Putting all European countries through the one-size-fits-all mincing machine of the European Parliament, and standardising so much, means we are also losing the possibility of learning from other countries' experiences in the way things are done. What started out as a trading community has become something completely different and is so powerful and remote from its citizens it just does what it likes.

When I go abroad I want to see something different, I do not want it to be like driving from Kent into Sussex.

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

There is no quick fix

While I agree with Steve Dawe's letter (Renewables are the way, last week) that renewables should be pursued, we need to be realistic as to how much they can achieve.

To use Mr Dawe's example of Austria, according to International Energy Agency figures for 2007, renewables provided approximately 43.5 per cent of the electricity pro-

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BIRD

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BRIGHT

Kiran Benjamin Bright born on 15th August 2008, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Son to Ben and Zita in Bearsted.

BROWN

Nick and Kelly Brown would like to announce the birth of Rhys James Brown on 13th August 2008.

BURGESS

Tracy and Glenn of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their son Archie Roy on 10th August 2008 at the QEQM

CAMPBELL

Amy Fuller & Liam Campbell would like to announce the birth of their son Kaylen Gerrard on 2nd August 2008 at QEQM Hospital weighing 8lb 10z, the proud parents would like to welcome mummy & daddy's little soldier.

COOMBER

Richard and Laenie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Lily Chloe born on 14th August 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6lb 9oz

CULLEY

Andrew and Jo of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the arrival of Daniel Paul born on 15th August 2008 weighing 7lb 15oz. A brother for Chloe and Nathan

DOWDING

Anthony and Kelly are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lily Violet born on 3rd August 2008 weighing 5lb 7oz

FARTHING

Kaitlyn Holly born on 11th August 2008, weighing 7lbs 13ozs. Daughter to Kelly and Daniel of Margate. Sister to Lewis

FOORD

Raya Francesca born on 5th August 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz. Daughter to Mark and Deanne in Margate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

FROST

Katie Morgan Princess born on 10th August 2008,

weighing 7lb. Daughter to Hannah and Mark of Broadstairs. A sister to Alicia and Francesca

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JACKSON

Joshua born on 3rd August 2008, weighing 6lb 11oz. Son to Sarah and Paul of Deal

JEFFERSON

Stephen and Tracey Jefferson of Harrietsham celebrate the birth of their son Gabriel Maddigan Jefferson on 4th August 2008.

JEFFS

Celebrating the birth of Keaton Sydney Jeffs born 17th August 2008 weighing 8lb 2oz to Shelley Martin and Paul Jeffs.

KANE-WOOD

Stuart and Sam of Coxheath celebrate the birth of their son Jake Peter Kane-Wood on 9th August 2008.

LIVINGSTONE

Janine and Scott of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby Mai on 28th July 2008. Sister to Ellis

MANIATIS - GILL

Sebastian Kyriakos Raymond born 3rd August 2008 at 1.12 am weighing 8lb 0oz. Son to David Gill and Alexandra Maniatis. Our miracle baby and we love him very much.

MCKILLIP

Scott and Laura McKillop would like to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Alice Joanne, born on 14th August 2008, weighing 8lb 4oz.

PETTMAN

Harry born on 6th August 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz. Son to Gary and Debbie in Ashford.

POPE

Phoebe Olivia Pope born on 5th August 2008 in Maidstone, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Paula Bodkin and Peter Pope and sister to Amy and Chloe.

RICKSON

Mark and Lydia of Ide Hill are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Martha Dee Rickson born 1st August 2008 weighing 7lb 5oz.

ROCHE

Tomas William John born on 12th August 2008, weighing 5lb 6oz. Son to Sean and Natasha and brother to Grace Roche of Cranbrook

RUCK

Justin and Kim are delighted to announce the birth of Jayden Taylor on 26th July weighing 7lb 8oz, a new brother for Cameron and Brynley

SIVYER

Andy and Jess are pleased to announce the birth of their son Oliver William James on 13/08/08.

STANNARD

Andrea and Paul are delighted to announce the birth of their son Sidney, born on 11 July 2008 at QEQM Hospital, Margate. Brother to Frank and Ted.

TILLSON

Michaela Rose Alexis born 7th August 2008, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Angela and Richard of Ramsgate. Sister to Annalise and Faith

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Adam Liam Tutte born on 6th August 2008, weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Susanne and Peter Tutte and brother to Jodie of Allington.

WILLIAMS

Isobel Lily Rose Williams born on 12th August 2008, weighing 5lb 10oz. Daughter to Ashley Williams and Tracy Mansfield in East Peckham.

DEATHS

COX

Gladys Amy Cox of Marden passed away on 10th August 2008. Enquiries to Viners, West Malling 01732 842485.

DADD

Bernard Cyril Dadd (Bill) of Whitstable passed away at his home, after a long illness bravely born, on the 16th August 2008, aged 75 years. A much loved husband, father and grandad who will very sadly missed by all who knew him. The funeral will be held on Tuesday August 26th 2008 at 10am at Barham.

Flowers will be very much appreciated but if preferred donations The League of Friends at Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital c/o C. W. Lyons, Oxford Street, Whitstable.

DOVE

George Dove of Graveney passed away peacefully after a short illness on 16th August 2008. A loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather

who will be very sadly missed. The funeral is to be held on 1st September at 1.20pm at Charing. Family flowers only but if desired donations to The League of Friends at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury.

FISH

Audrey Fish sadly passed away peacefully after a short illness. Best Mum and Grandmother in the world. In our hearts forever. We hope you have found Dad in Heaven. Love always Karen, Andrew, Julie, Mark, Oliver and Thomas.

FOSTER

Patricia Stella Foster of Sittingbourne passed away peacefully after a long illness on 14th August 2008, aged 76.

HOPKINS

Colin George Hopkins of Faversham passed away on 16th August 2008 aged 75 years. Much loved and missed husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. The service is to be held at Barham Crematorium on Friday 29th August at 3.20pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury c/o Hogben and Partis of Faversham.

KELLY

Margaret Gladys (Tansy) of Canterbury and Folkestone, died on the 5th of August 2008.

LARKING

Doreen Lucy Larking nee Abnett of Maidstone passed away courageously after a long illness on 17th August 2008

aged 88 years.

Funeral is to be held at 11.45am on 1st September at Vinters Park Crematorium. Enquiries to Doves Funeral Directors.

LATTER

Tina Tracey Latter sadly passed away on 16th August 2008. Enquiries to Paul Rowland, Maidstone 01622 757177.

PARRY

Aileen Elizabeth Parry of Whitstable passed away peacefully on 11th August 2008. Much loved mum of Ann and grandmother to Paul and Adrian. Also a great grandmother. She will be sadly missed by all the family. The funeral will be held on 26th August 2008 at Whitstable cemetery at 1pm.

RABBETT

Ivan Rex of Tonbridge passed away on 14th August 2008. Dearly loved Husband, loving Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather with many friends. Will be sadly missed. All enquiries to Abbey Funeral Services of Tonbridge

WALKER

Eddy Walker 27/11/1922 - 14/8/2008. Beloved Father and Grandfather. Sadly missed by all "such a lovely man". Funeral Eltham Crematorium Wednesday 27th August 2008 10.15 am. All friends and neighbours welcome. Robert, Julia, Stephen, David, Tanya, Dean, Robyn, Dylan and Luke. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services Windmill Street Gravesend.

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duced in the country. But at least 41 per cent of this was supplied by hydro technology, mostly large dams. Wind, solar and geothermal accounted for the remaining small percentage.

Austria still relied on deriving nearly 30 per cent of its electricity from fossil fuels and imported electricity – including from neighbouring Germany which uses mainly fossil fuels and nuclear. As for the cost of renewables, the Government's consultation on the UK Renewable Strategy indicates that to achieve 15 per cent renewable energy by 2020 would cost in the region of £6 billion per year.

The reality is there will be no quick, cheap or easy fix. The most viable solution to the problems of both climate change and security of electricity supply will be making use of all the possible solutions: energy efficiency, renewables, nuclear and cleaner fossil fuels.

Martin Pearce, PR officer, British Energy

More heat than light

I must point out what appears to be an error on the front cover of last week's KOS Review.

I thought the three buildings were meant to show the futuristic Turner Centre, but they look more like out-of-town industrial units.

The windows are not as grand as one may expect in an arts building. Surely more light would be required to light up such things as a grubby unmade bed, should good old Tracey support her home town.

There also seems to be a lack of doors. This may be a very bad thing – how will people

escape should it all burn down, like everything else here?

Unless there is just something wrong with the title that led me astray, perhaps it was meant to be Contemporary farce.

David Harris, Cliftonville



It really spoils the view

Reading KOS Review last week about the Turner Contemporary, I do not think it looks right on Margate seafront.

It would spoil the view, I regret to say, and I think it should be built elsewhere.

The money would be better spent on rebuilding the Scenic Railway after the arson

attack earlier this year, plus to make Dreamland a living museum of traditional rides. I also would suggest reviving the Lido we once had at Cliftonville, which had been filled in with a layer of sand on top.

I was there last year, when it was very hot and sunny, and thought it would be ideal to get it up and running again.

There are people on benefits who cannot afford the luxury of a foreign holiday. It would be paradise for them, as well as creating jobs.

I also agree with the letter from D. Ashdown of Rochester (Donkey field of dreams). The animals are much happier in green pastures and lush fields, especially on a hot summer's day.

On Margate's golden sandy beach there is a kiddies' corner, which is always popular.

Perhaps the Turner gallery could provide a tourist road train, which could be used by people of all ages, plus a nice bandstand, too – let there be music!

J. Missons, Dartford

A touch of greatness

If we lived in Shakespearean times I would say: This was a man!

I had the pleasure of working for Sandy Bruce-Lockhart at KCC as I dealt with farming and local produce.

He always listened, was understanding, supportive and totally non-political. He had a passion for rural areas. I worked closest with him during the foot-and-mouth disease crisis.

He was always caring and dedicated to seeing that Kent was informed and supported during and after the outbreak. He was a kind, thoughtful, helpful and unassuming politician. He was a great leader

with wonderful vision. I do not believe Kent will ever have the opportunity of replicating this man. I shall miss him, farmers and growers will miss him and my thoughts go out to his family. Thank you, Sandy, for being you, and may your wonderful visions never be forgotten.

Rob Weaver, former manager,
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The power of pink

If you need warming up this summer, turn on to pink. It's one of the hottest shades to come off the catwalk and is perfect for homes too. We've picked out homeware in punchy pinks and soft shades

PINK, once the preserve of nurseries and little girls, has finally grown up.

Hot pink and fuchsia were star shades on fashion's catwalks this summer and now the stylish have decided that if the colour's good enough to wear, it's good enough to live with.

It's a wise move. Punchy pinks are brilliant for giving rooms a shot of energising colour, and you can either go wild by splashing pink on walls or paintwork, or flirt with the shade by using it for accessories.

Or why not pull some pink surprises by using the colour in quirky ways?

Designer Ella Doran suggests painting floorboards in a "cheerful summery shade" like candy pink to "lift an entire room and everything in it".

David Oliver, design director of Paint and Paper Library, has another clever tip.

By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

"Use shocking pink on the inside of cupboards to cheer up a neutral scheme and enliven a normally dull space," he said.

Colour novices needn't be intimidated by pink. It's easy to handle once you know how.

Louise Smith, colour manager for Dulux, reveals that pink has recently pushed its way back into the top-10 chart of favourite room shades.

"Pinks can be bright and zingy, shocking, blushing or pretty and feminine. There are no 'rules', and if you feel like using bold pinks everywhere, then go for it."

So put paid to the summertime blues by picking out pink – it's the hottest colour around. But use pink power wisely by picking a style and a shade to suit your taste and your rooms.



Get the look

BLOSSOMING ROMANCE: Feminine, girly girls know that pink's a soft, sensual colour for boudoirs.

Pastel pinks and deeper rose shades are perfect for conjuring a romantic bedroom. Warm pinks like salmon pink and shell can help thaw the chill of cool rooms and are a good background for dark furniture.

Look to cooler pinks, those with a degree of blue in them such as raspberry pink, fuchsia and lilac, for living rooms and bathrooms.

EASTERN PROMISE: The seductive style of the East epitomised by characteristic pink florals, such as cherry blossom or magnolia, is still popular for rooms after centuries' of appeal.

That's hardly surprising, because it mixes well with most modern schemes and is a great way to add a feminine feel to contemporary rooms.

Jemma Page, founder and partner of Orchid, which specialises in Chinese antiques and stylish accessories, said: "Mix some shocking pink silk cushions with a dramatic dark teak table and offset the look with white walls. Make a statement with a decorative piece that is painted with predominantly pink floral designs or scenes from Chinese life."

HIGH DRAMA: Design-conscious divas will love the strong bold shades of pink, and these work well in a living room, dining room, or playroom.

Louise Smith, colour manager for Dulux,

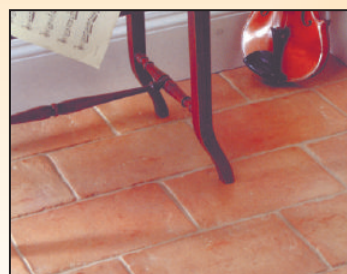
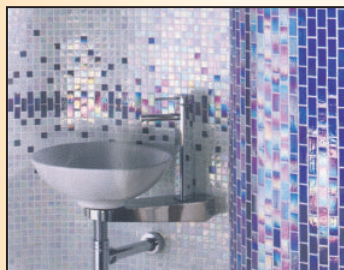


said: "Do be aware though that these shades can be over-stimulating, so use with caution in nurseries or bedrooms."

"But if you love bright pink why not use it on one wall in a living area as a focal point, on a mantelpiece wall or on a bedhead wall in a bedroom. Then balance the strong effect with more neutral colour for the other walls – so you still get a vibrant splash, but a more grown-up overall look."

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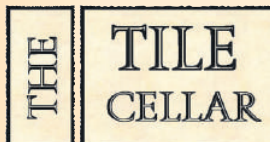
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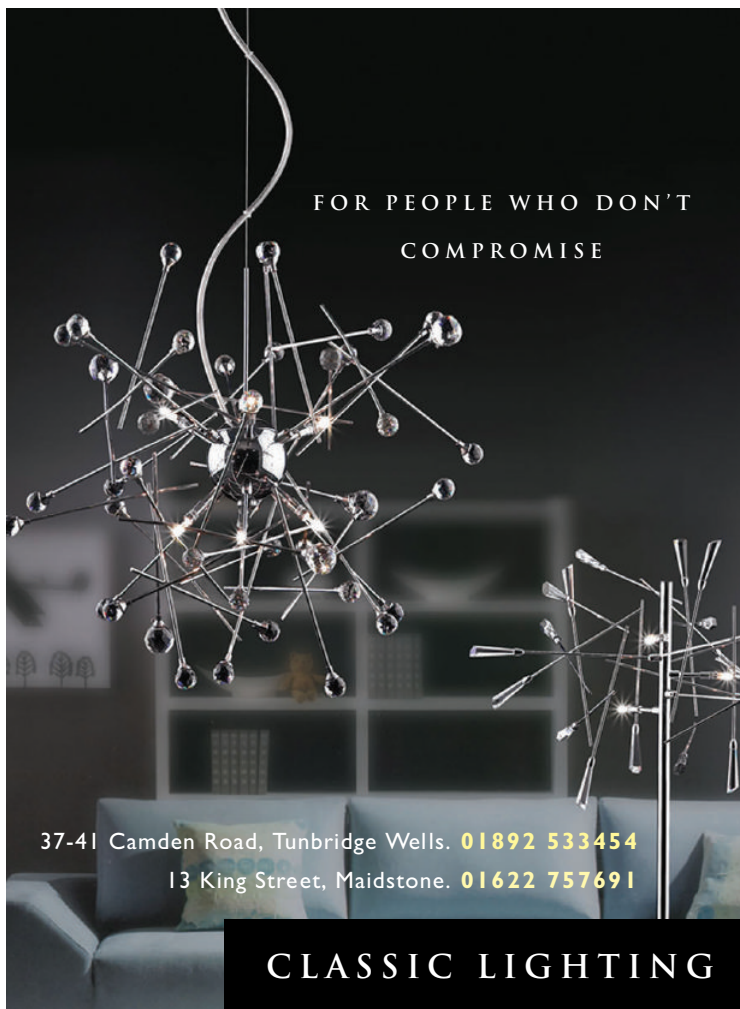


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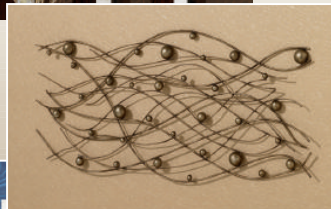
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I HAVE had quite a few enquiries about bathrooms this month and it so happens that this coincides with the grand opening of a new bathroom store in the heart of Canterbury.

So who better to ask than the team at Ripples for a few tip on bathroom planning?

It is imperative for a client to commit to any design project with an open mind and realistic design aspirations.

In most cases anything is possible and with the right guidance and product selection you can create your dream bathroom working to most budgets.

Think of the function of the room.

What is the room used for and who will be using it? You can then answer many questions about material, products, layout and storage.

Every product you incorporate must be allocated its own working space. Also, don't be afraid to bring furniture off the floor, layering the room and giving the illusion of added space.

When faced with limited space, problem or awkward areas, it is well worth considering made to measure and other bespoke products, so whether it's a sloping ceiling causing you issues or you would like to transform an otherwise wasted space there should be nothing stopping you.

If boxing around pipe work or raising a floor area is unavoidable, accentuate the work creating a feature with accent tiles, shelving, lighting and curves.

Storage is a must, even for the most bijou of rooms, towels and toiletries should have a place whether they are hidden away or displayed proudly in a lit alcove.

Lighting will transform any area so remember to emphasise all design aspects with mood lighting or even chromotherapy.

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Question and Answer

Q I am trying to find alternatives to white melamine or wood laminate office furniture with chrome. It seems cold and impersonal. Could you help me with some alternatives?

SK Broadstairs

A I read an article by Janet Street Porter the other month in which she spoke of the return of 'make do and mend'.

My idea for your alternative office furniture made me think of that.

We may all be in for a time with that sort of thing – and it is actually very creative.

Try this: Find a wooden table which is a suitable size. You can paint and distress it or you can sand it down and wax it – whatever fits in

with your style. Instead of the standard chrome accessories choose paper basket/pen holders etc in natural materials like wicker or leather.

To make it more personal, put up a framed mirror and some of your favourite photographs. As a desk chair, use any chair that is comfortable and that fits the height of the table.

If you can afford it – go for a lap top – it saves space and hassle with leads.

Q We have put down beautiful new wooden floors in our hallway and family room. Unfortunately they have been badly scarred when we had our housewarming party. How do we repair the damage without having to sand the floors down?

KL Rochester

A If your floor is oiled it can be quite simple. Obviously I don't know how bad the damage is – but you should be able to repair most of it out by re-oiling. If your floor is laquered, you can try and place a wet tea towel on the marks over night. The wood should absorb the moisture and the fibres expand. The best thing to do is to seek advice with the company who laid the floors/or supplied you with the floors.

• If you have any questions you'd like to ask Helle, please e-mail them to helle.clarke@btconnect.com or post them, marked Homes & Gardens Q & A, to KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR.

By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

EXPERIENCING the feeling of warm, tropical rain, standing beneath a cascading waterfall or feeling the stinging exhilaration of a ocean-style spray was probably once limited to those who could afford holidays in exotic climes.

Now these are just some of the 'back to nature' effects mimicking natural water flow that we can enjoy in our own bathrooms – under a shower.

Today showers are a far cry from an underpowered trickle in a cramped cubicle.

They're sophisticated pieces of technical wizardry that can also incorporate indulgences from aromatherapy, massage, soothing lights, sound systems or even remote control so that a personal temperature and water flow can be pre-programmed.

So it's small wonder that although we spend our time dodging and complaining about outdoor showers, it seems as a nation we've become hooked on indulging in them indoors.

Recent research by Triton found that around 86 per cent of us have switched from baths to showers, and an Ipsos MORI poll for the Royal Society of Chemistry found that Britons spend more time in the shower than the rest of Europe.

While our Euro counterparts splash around for two to five minutes, in the UK around 15 per cent of us stay in our showers for more than 11 minutes daily.

A further three per cent love the shower so much they're under the water for more than 20 minutes.

Hygienic

Banishing that initial chilly start before the shower warms up is now possible thanks to the development of digital technology.

An average shower uses around 60 litres of water every five minutes – and in our environmentally conscious times many showers, including digital ones, have eco settings that minimise water wastage.

There are all sorts of reasons for our preference for showers – including lacking the space for a bath (or the time for a leisurely soak), believing it's more hygienic to wash in running water, or worries about wasting water.

But just to emphasise that showers are now apparently an essential in our lives, Emirates has introduced the world's first in-flight shower so passengers can enjoy the experience 30,000 feet up in the clouds.

Even if you don't have such lofty bathing ambitions it's worth diving into the new world of showering.

But before installing a high-tech new shower in your home, always check to see the water pressure it requires, whether it needs both cold and hot water supply lines, and if drains are adequate for any increased flow of water they may generate.

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Swift ways to jazz up urban space

If you live in town, have a busy lifestyle but want to improve your small garden, BBC's **JOE SWIFT** may have some solutions...



By **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

IF you live in town and have a busy lifestyle but want to jazz up your small garden, BBC Gardeners' World presenter Joe Swift may have some solutions.

It doesn't have to cost a fortune to jazz up your urban outdoor space if it is looking a little tired and neglected, says Swift.

"I've worked on many garden makeover TV shows and, although they have received bad press for rushed work and a superficial approach, many of the quick fixes we used considerably improved the style and look of the gardens we worked on," he writes in his new book, *Joe's Urban Garden Handbook*.

So what can you do to give your garden a visual boost?

"Boundaries are really important," he said. "If you have really ugly walls try and clad them or cover them with something such as plyboard, which you can paint, or screening, which comes on a roll."

"Cover up an unsightly boundary because it's the first thing that you see as you come out and it can be the most depressing and claustrophobic part of a small garden, where everything is at eye level."

Clean up old paving, walls and pots by hiring a pressure washer or if you can afford it, think about resurfacing, but consider the tones you are going to need, he advises.

"In a small shady garden, go for a lighter shade of sandstone or a lighter colour paving, mixed with light coloured aggregates to save yourself some money."

Lawns simply don't work in small, shady gardens, but if you have a big space and you want a lawn, think about edging it with timber to define it, which will instantly make the garden look tidier.

Mixture

Paint is another option which, though once popular, is now underused.

"I use quite a lot of paint on boundaries, brickwork and walls," he said.

"It's such an easy and cheap thing to do. If you have a dark shady garden look at lightening it up. Don't use pure white, which is quite a demanding colour."

"Look at natural tones of off-white, creams, taupes or mushroom colours, which work well in shade."

"The more light you have in your garden, the more daring you can be with colour, using terracottas, purples or reds to set off the plants and intensify the greens of any plants you put next to them."

Paint terracotta pots with masonry paint, using a maximum of two colours.

"You can create a lot of visual impact in a weekend with a couple of pots of masonry paint," he said.

"That means you might be left with a bit more money to spend on buying a few bigger plants, or some paving."

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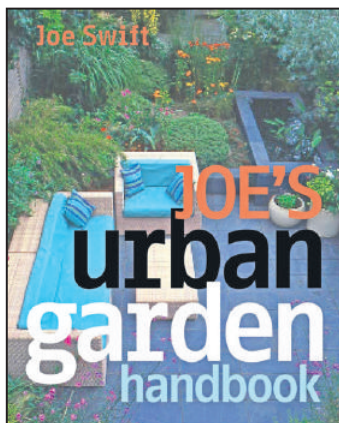
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WRITE STUFF: Gardener's World presenter Joe Swift (left) gives many ideas on how to brighten up your garden in his new book



because you have a small space, he urges.

"People think, 'I've got a small space, so I'll put in a small plant' but actually the opposite is much more effective. If you have a small space put in a few large plants.

"If you like the architectural look there are some great palms and bamboos. *Trachycarpus fortunei* (the chusan palm) is great for creating a tropical look. Banana palms are not particularly expensive but very fast growing. They go up rather than across so in a small space you are getting a lot of height for your money.

"Box is also great, not just the rounded box. You can buy box cubes and quite funky, more contemporary shapes.

"You might look to get three and put them in a line to help break up a wall and create instant impact. Box will work in sun or shade, in a container or in the ground."

Joe himself has a mixture of grasses and perennials in his own urban garden, which provide height, colour and movement.

Late summer flowering perennials such as rudbeckias and scabious mix in beautifully with ornamental grasses, such as miscanthus, he says.

Scented plants also create a more sensual effect on a summer garden. Plant lavender, thyme and slightly more adventurous plants such as citrus, whose scent will fill a small garden. Fragrant jasmines and honeysuckles can be grown up boundaries, which will also provide scent.

With a little imagination, your urban garden can quickly become a little piece of paradise.

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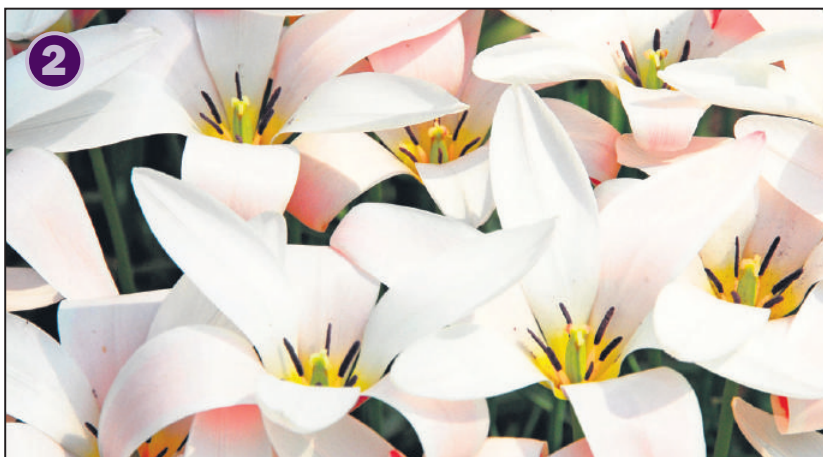
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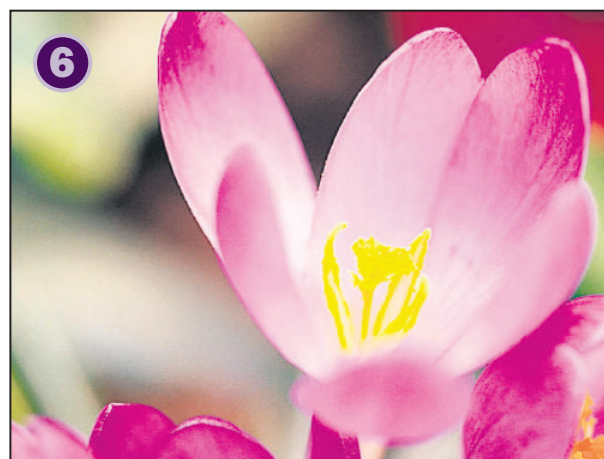
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By **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

Among my personal favourites are Tulipa clusiana 'Lady Jane', a delicate, fine-boned specie tulip which grows to just 20cm.

It's pencil-thin flowerbuds open to blooms which are deep pink on the outside and white within.

It looks perfect in a rockery, but is also eye-catching in pots, teamed with the blue grass Festuca glauca.

Other pint-sized bulbs have also received much acclaim this year.

The regal crocus tommasinianus 'Ruby Giant' won the title of 2008 Spring Flowering Bulb of the Year at the annual judging event hosted by The Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Centre.

Leading gardening journalists and opinion formers voted it the 'must have' bulb to plant this autumn, for blooming in spring 2009.

It has decadent purple petals which fade to the centre and a golden stamen.

Clumps of them will bring rich colour to any spring garden, lighting up flower beds and drawing the eye to darker corners of the garden with their vibrant shade of purple.

Other bulbs that were in the running were Narcissus 'Avalanche', a multi-headed variety with white-petalled flowers with lemon-yellow cups, and Muscari armeniacum, a delightful and reliable grape hyacinth which produces deep blue, long-lasting fragrant flowers in mid-spring and looks great in a pot mixed with the dwarf Tulipa 'Red Riding Hood', or planted as a solo species in one or more pots, to give a burst of blue.

Narcissus 'White Fire', from Unwins, has stunning double blooms projecting colours of cream and soft peach and is tall enough to sit happily among tulips.

Mould

I'm not a great lover of garish parrot tulips or others with flamed and streaked flowers.

I prefer more subtle varieties such as the white T. 'Purissima', which produces huge shining white flowers on 40cm stems.

These are perfect to plant with evergreen shrubs and also set off blue flowers.

My other personal favourite is T. 'Queen of Night', a plum-coloured, almost black variety which looks fantastic mixed with vibrant wallflowers, or planted in rows against a backdrop of acid green foliage.

If you are buying bulbs this year, purchase them early in the season – you'll have more choice that way.

Make sure the bulbs are firm, with their outer coats intact. Avoid those which have patches of mould on them or are soft in places.

If you buy your bulbs later on, carefully check those which are pre-packed as they may have deteriorated with time.

And don't always go for the ones which are bargain priced. Cheaper bulbs may turn out to be smaller and produce inferior flowers.

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He is just an ordinary working man who loves the natural pleasures of being outside in the fresh air.

Cultivating plants to eat is not rocket science. It involves only willingness to invest a little money, time and effort for rewards which can be great.

With food prices rising scarily, nurturing a few vegetables in pots and growing-bags, clearing a flower border for food crops, or (perish the thought) digging up a patch of lawn could save precious pennies as well as opening the door to a fascinating world of thrills, spills, trials and tribulations.

Dirty Nails feels duty-bound to cherish the high times of late summer which can seem so long, so timeless, so beautifully free.

Sunshine and blue skies are the order of these days, precious moments so eagerly awaited before cold and dark rain.

There is fresh food to eat on a daily basis: beetroot, lettuces, beans and peas, spuds like golden nuggets brought forth from the earth, fat bulbs of Florence fennel to roast on an open tray with peppers, tomatoes and aubergines from the greenhouse.

Keeping pace with rampant growth necessitates an early start and late finish to the gardening day, but suddenly a lull occurs after mid August.

The home-producer can take a pause, straighten his or her back; inhale the subtle change so delicately balanced in the air.

Onions are fat and golden-brown, pumpkins and squashes ripen and reveal themselves, freshly turned soil appears between luscious rows of standing crops.

There is work to do, crops to get out the ground and into store.



All around, amid the hustle and bustle of man-made realities, older rhythms and movements are being danced.

This is the season to feast, harvest and horde as the nights draw in and 'October' is almost upon us.

Autumnal jobs to do

In the greenhouse

- Keep picking tomatoes, peppers and aubergines



- Water crops daily
- Liquid-feed twice weekly
- Clear away spent plants as and when they become exhausted
- Sow lettuces Winter Density, all-year-round in trays. Keep moist, but not soaking and prick-out individually when large enough to handle
- Sow winter purslane (Miner's lettuce)
- Carry out essential maintenance and repairs
- Start to wash and disinfect all pots

In the greenhouse

- Plant winter onion sets
- Dig and store spuds
- Water all crops if it's dry, especially brassicas (cabbage family)
- Check brassicas regularly for caterpillars. Remove and relocate or destroy
- Clear spent crops
- Collect fallen tree leaves and store for 'leaf mould'
- Keep the hoe busy in sunny weather
- Cut back brambles
- Sow 'green manure'
- Harvest squashes before the first frost
- Tend parsnips, leeks and other crops to stand in the open over winter
- Sow corn salad
- Potter about and enjoy the mellowness of autumn
- Dig out deep-rooted weeds
- Define plot edges, especially removing the wiry threads of couch grass
- Cut back flower heads on globe artichokes and remove tatty foliage
- Compost dead and dying rhubarb stalks
- Turn over bare soil in preparation for winter salads and lettuces
- In October, tie stakes to purple sprouting and cabbages to keep roots firm during winter storms
- Clear hard-working courgette plants to the compost
- Ensure bird scarers in the cabbage patch are in good order
- Sow broad beans Aquadulce, Imperial Green Windsor
- Plant garlic Germidour
- Cut down asparagus 'ferns' and burn

• 'How to Grow Your Own Food' by Dirty Nails (How To Books: ISBN 978-1-905862-11-5) is available at bookstores and online, priced £10.99.



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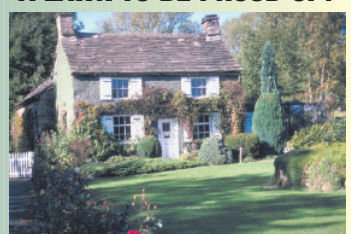


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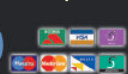
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THE University of Kent is among 235 in the country to agree to consider applications from diploma students.

Youngsters from the south east will become some of the first in the country to study the diploma, which is a new qualification for 14 to 19-year-olds that combines learning in the classroom with practical experience.

Of 360 higher education institutions, 235 have said they will consider applicants who have achieved an advanced diploma – worth 3.5 A-levels – or an extended advanced diploma, worth 4.5. As well as the Univers-

ity of Kent, the list includes most of the country's top establishments including Oxford, Leeds, Bristol and Warwick.

Secretary of state for children, schools and families Ed Balls welcomed their decision. "I'm pleased so many universities have now come out in support of the diploma, including some of our most famous institutions," he said.

"They recognise that candidates will have not only the practical skills they need for the world of work but the knowledge and theoretical rigour to study at degree level and beyond."

Most of the institutions that have not come out in support of the diploma are smaller ones offering fewer than 50 courses, and often specialised qualifications.

Among the subjects students in Kent will be able to cover this year are health and development, society, and construction and the built environment.

Some 20,000 youngsters across the country will begin studying the diploma next month, as an alternative to either apprenticeships, GCSEs or A-levels.

Minister for schools and learners Jim Knight said: "This is great news for young people in Kent, especially those considering their options post-GCSE."

Young scientists watch the experts

SIXTEEN of the county's top young scientists took part in an intensive week broadening their skills with a Kent-based pharmaceutical giant.

The A-level students, from schools in Canterbury, Thanet, Dover, Folkestone, Faversham and Sandwich were chosen from more than 31 applicants from six-forms across east Kent.

Pfizer Biology Week, a seven-day residential course created to test and improve their skills, was held at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Jim Loftus, research recruitment manager for Pfizer and organiser of the event, said: "The projects were very challenging and required a great deal of hard work and deep thinking."

Leading scientists gave lectures and seminars to the students, who were also shown around the laboratories of the company's European research and development base in Sandwich.

Projects throughout the week included genetically engineering E.coli and measuring the effects of steroids.

Use our open days, school-leavers told

STUDENTS in Kent have been urged to make the most of the open days offered by universities.

The University of Greenwich, which has campuses at Medway, Greenwich and Avery Hill, and a centre in Folkestone, is holding a day aimed at attracting and providing information for prospective students.

Beverley Woodhams, head of central recruitment at the university, offered some general

advice following the release of A-level results last Thursday. She said: "You don't have to accept the first place you are offered – most universities will allow you up to two weeks to respond."

The open day will be held in Folkestone on September 13 from 10am to 1pm. An information evening for students looking to take short or part-time courses will be held at the Medway campus on September 3, from 3pm to 7pm.

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REF: 504 - ADMINISTRATOR

Salary: £18,430 - £22,845 (pay award pending) (SCP 21-28)

You will assist the Database Controller in ensuring the efficient and accurate use of databases across the organisation, in line with system protocols. You will need to be able to develop and maintain efficient office systems, and to provide Line Management support to the Administrative Assistants within the Data Centre.

REF: 505 - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS x 2

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You will assist the Administrator in entering full and accurate data on to the client databases. The role also includes liaising with Service Centre staff regarding data queries, sending out mail merge letters from the database, and regularly auditing the databases to ensure the integrity of the data. This role requires a high degree of meticulousness.

For an informal discussion about either of the above posts contact Carrina Sutton on 01795 590795. For application forms contact: KCA, Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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NVQ Assessor in Drug & Alcohol Recovery S2151

Variable hours

The purpose of the role is to assess and co-ordinate assessment of NVQ candidates in the workplace relating to Drug/Alcohol recovery services. You will support qualified work based assessors, play an active part in training assessors as well as supporting and guiding candidates in their NVQ awards, assisting them in portfolio building and completion of their portfolio of evidence.

Lecturer - Counselling T1353

Variable hours

You will deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme within the Department teaching Counselling at Basic Certificate and Diploma level. You will act as an examiner to students, assess on a variety of courses and prepare and mark assessments, projects, tests and examinations. This position is fixed-term until 31st July 2009.

Curriculum Support Officer S2152

37 hours per week

You will support student data administration and provide a welcoming and friendly front line service to the public, College students and staff. You will produce PowerPoint presentations and process data into various modules of the College's student tracking database system including admissions, attendance, fees and achievements.

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NVQ Assessor in Drug and Alcohol Recovery

Folkestone
Salary: TBC
Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
Variable hours The purpose of the role is to assess and co-ordinate assessment of NVQ candidates in the workplace relating to Drug/Alcohol recovery services. You will support qualified work based assessors, play an active part in training assessors as well as supporting and guiding candidates in their NVQ awards, assisting them in portfolio building and completion of their portfolio of evidence. For further information, including salary details and an application please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk. All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
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Health & Safety, Security, Defense

Risk Manager

Tonbridge
Salary: £29,245 - £ 32,917pa
Closing Date: 12 noon, Thursday 4 September 2008
37 Hours per week, 52 weeks per year 3 days per week 1.00pm - 9.00pm 2 days per week 9.00am - 5.00pm (Some Saturday working may be required. Actual days & times may vary according to curriculum needs). Responsible for day-to-day risk management across College, you will work closely with the Estates Manager and Senior Management team helping to control and reduce all aspects of risk. You will take responsibility for the maintenance of the College's Risk Register and associated action plan as well as acting as coordinator for any incidents or accidents that occur during evening or weekend working. Educated to level 3 or equivalent, you will have experience of risk management and general safety issues. With a good understanding of IT, coupled

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Finance Assistants - Transport Integration

Kings Hill
Salary: Starting salary £15,826
Closing Date: 26 August 2008
2 posts - 1 x full time, 1 x .5 Starting salary £15,826 rising through total contribution pay to £16,627 per annum Kings Hill Transport Integration arranges transport for Kent residents including scholars and social services clients. We require literate, numerate and highly organised administrators with knowledge of standard IT applications and the ability to use dedicated databases as tasks will include verifying and processing invoices, entering data and maintaining accurate records. The post involves contact with clients, suppliers and external agencies so you will need to demonstrate sound customer service skills along with the ability to use your initiative to ensure that work is completed on time and to a high standard within a busy office environment. Working within an integrated team, it is essential to demonstrate good communication skills whilst working under pressure and to tight deadlines.
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Management, Senior Positions

2 x Alternative Curriculum Pupil Referral Unit Managers

Maidstone
Salary: Starting at £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum
Closing Date: Midday, 4th September 2008
One post will cover Maidstone area and the other the Tonbridge area. Based at either Kroner House, Ashford or Bishops Terrace, Maidstone. The Alternative Curriculum Pupil Referral Units are a dynamic and creative part of Kent's wider framework of PRUs. Serving the needs of Local Children's services Partnerships, they are working to create, monitor and evaluate excellent alternative provision for excluded and other 'hard to place' Key Stage 4 pupils across the county. The AC PRUs have been devolved to work locally for groups of LCPs in order to better meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people in these communities in the context of 'Every Child Matters'. As the high profile manager of the AC PRU, you will work with a team in the community and be responsible for the commissioning, co-ordination and monitoring of a range of

alternative curriculum projects for excluded and other vulnerable young people at KS4. Together these projects make up the 'classrooms' and 'workshops' of the Alternative Curriculum PRU. You will work closely with LCP Managers and schools within the relevant partnerships and report to them. You will have experience of working successfully with seriously disaffected young people, have an excellent knowledge of schools issues, an awareness of SEN issues and procedures and be capable of working with diverse multi-agency teams. You will be able to assess the quality of learning in alternative curriculum projects within your PRU and feel comfortable about leading relevant staff training. You will be keen to be part of a team that works at the cutting edge of changes in the education system. The post requires experience, originality and vision. When applying please mark clearly on your application form which area you wish to be considered for. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Alternatively, please email or call.

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Area Managers (domiciliary care)

Kent
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Closing Date: 3 September 2008
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New Business Manager

Folkestone
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Senior Scrutiny Officer

Ashford
Salary: Salary up to £30,276 pa
Closing Date: 1st September 2008
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Supervisors (domiciliary care)

Kent
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Team Leader

Margate
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Closing Date: Midday, 1 September 2008

Fixed term until August 2009. This potentially challenging, yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people. Your primary function will be to manage and support the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. You will also work alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. Managing the provision of full-time education for the young people along with the shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training will also be part of your remit. You'll be bright, full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team. With a good understanding of educational issues, you will possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector. If you have experience of and a commitment to working with young people, and supporting and offering guidance to other colleagues, we would love to hear from you. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Alternatively, please email or call.

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Training Manager

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Full Time Care Assistants and Part Time Housekeepers

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Herne Bay
Salary: TBA

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Public Sector, Social Services

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Ashford
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To apply/more information:
Samantha Sullivan
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Tel: 01233 623465
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Ashford
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Public Rights Of Way Officer - Network Management

Kings Hill
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To apply/more information:
Alan Clifton-Holt
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Canterbury
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David Leigh
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Email
david@churchillhouse.co.uk

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APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE
I Stephen John Moore hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Ashford Borough Council, Licensing Section, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL for variation of a premises licence to
1) Include the rear courtyard within the sphere of operation of the premises for the purpose of consumption of alcohol in that area between 10.00 and 02.00 daily and consumption of late night refreshment between 23.00 and 02.00 daily
2) Permit construction of a second DJ booth, two new internal lobby areas, to reduce escape of noise
3) To reduce the size of the internal cellar area and install a new beer cellar area in the courtyard
In respect of the premises situated at 7, New Road, Ashford, Kent and known by the sign the Source Cafe Bar to be known as the Soul Bar.
The application can be viewed at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Licensing Section, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL (telephone number 01233 330721) during normal office hours.
Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 16th September 2008.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000
Stephen Thomas LAW
8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling Kent, ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(BEDLAM LANE, SMARDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because demolition and replacement of a culvert is proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Bedlam Lane, Smarden from a point 500 metres north east of its junction with Rosemary Lane for 50 metres north eastward, on or after 8 September 2008, for an estimated period of eight weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bedlam Lane, Headcorn Road, Bell Lane, The Pinnock, Munday Bois Road, Crockenhill Road, Forstal Road, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Bedlam Lane, Smarden.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(BURTON ROAD, KENNINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on 28 Burton Road, Kennington on or after Tuesday 26th August 2008 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Church Road and Faversham Road (A251).

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a new electrical supply, should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Tom Nolan of Murphy Contractors on 01622 352599.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(BETHERSDEN ROAD, BETHERSDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bethersden Road, Bethersden at Luckhurst Farm on or after Monday 8th September 2008 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Potkin Lane, Ashford Road, Biddenden Road, Tenterden Road, North Street and Smarden Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy Limited apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to allow for a new electrical supply to Luckhurst Farm, and should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mark Apps of Murphy Limited on 07920 150842.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(GROVE FERRY ROAD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway haunching works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Grove Ferry Road from its junction with Grove Road to the property called the Boathouse, on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of three weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Grove Road, Stourmouth Road, Preston Road, The Street, A253 Ramsgate Road, A28 Island Road, and Grove Ferry Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works for diversion of an existing water main are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Canterbury as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes	Programmed Date
Ten Perch Road, Canterbury.	Closure of Ten Perch Road southbound only from its junction with The Boundary to its junction with the entrance to Morrisons Car Park.	The Boundary, Cotton Road, Cow Lane and Wincheap.	25 August for up to 2 weeks.
Cotton Road, Canterbury.	Closed west bound only from the rear entrance of Homebase to its junction with the Cotton Road bus gate.	Cow Lane, Wincheap and Ten Perch Road.	25 August for up to 2 weeks.

This Order will come into force on Monday 25 August 2008, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(GROVE FERRY HILL LEVEL CROSSING, CHISLET) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Grove Ferry Hill Level Crossing, Chislet, near Canterbury. This Order will commence on Saturday 30th August for a period of 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Island Road, Ramsgate Road, Gore Street, The Street, Preston Road, Stourmouth Road, Grove Road and Grove Ferry Road.

Balfour Beatty Rail Infrastructure Services Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to renew a track. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mrs. B Conway of Traffic Management Services on 01474 544017.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SHELLBANK LANE, DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Shellbank Lane, Darenth between Green Street Green Road and High Street, Bean.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: High Street Bean, Southfleet Road, Sandbanks Hill, Green Street Green Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Water Mains replacement and connections works.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WHITEHILL ROAD, LONGFIELD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Whitehill Road, Longfield between its junctions with High Cross Road and Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week and commence on 22nd September 2008. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Sandbanks Hill and Highcross Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate cabling and desilting works on behalf of BT.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SANDBANKS HILL, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Sandbanks Hill, between Green Street Green Road and Southfleet Road/Highcross Road junction.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Whitehill Road and Highcross Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway repairs.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WOOD LANE, DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Wood Lane, Darenth from its junction with Green Street Green Road for a distance of 20m.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill and restricted access on Wood Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and connections.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS RINGWOULD NEAR DEAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Ringwould near Deal as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes	Programmed Date
Phase 1			
Hangman's Lane	From its junction with Front Street to its junction with Back Street	Access only for residents	25 August 2008 for three weeks.
Ringwould Road	From its junction with Hangman's Lane to its junction with Sutton Lane	Ringwould Road, Waterworks Lane, Waterworks Hill, Pommeus Lane and Sutton Lane	25 August 2008 for one week
Phase 2			
Wingleton Lane	From its junction with Crooked S Road to its junction with Ringwould Road.	Crooked S Road, Ripple Road and Ringwould Road.	7 September 2008 for one week.

Highways - Borough of Gravesend

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

LUDESSEDOWN ROAD, LUDDESDOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown between Luddesdown Church and its junction with Dean Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Cutters Ridge Road, Buckland Road, Lockyers Hill, Strawberry Hill and Dean Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate tree root investigations and carriageway repairs.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(SINGLEWELL ROAD, GRAVESEND) (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council has made an Order under Section 81 of the Act of 1984, the effect of which would be to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on Singewell Road in Gravesend, as a result of this the existing 40mph Speed Limit Order will be amended and their amendments included within this Order.

A copy of the Order which shall come into operation on Monday, 1st September 2008, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Office, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Gravesend Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 1AU.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

DARNLEY ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Darnley Road, Gravesend between its junctions with Old Road East and Kent Road.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place on one Sunday in the following four weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road West, Pelham Road, Darnley Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway surfacing and road markings.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A20 LONDON ROAD, COLDHARBOUR) (BUS LANE) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to install a priority bus lane for use by "local" buses only on the A20 London Road, Coldharbour, Maidstone.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone Kent ME14 1XX and at the Maidstone Borough Council Offices, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to this proposal should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B0603800" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 15th September 2008.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Gravely Bottom Road, Back Street, Busbridge Road, East Sutton Road, Broomfield Road, Burberry Lane after 09.30hrs on or after 25th August 2008, each for 1 day during a 1 week period, as indicated by signage on site.

The alternative routes for the routes described above are:-

Gravely Bottom Road between Ulcombe Road & Broomfield Road: - Diversion via Ulcombe Road, Upper Street, Burberry Lane, Park Barn Road, Broomfield Road.

East Sutton Road between Brick Kiln Lane & Stickfast Lane: - Diversion via Stickfast Lane, Brick Kiln Lane.

Back Street from Forge Lane to partway down Back Street: - Diversion via Back Street, Horseshoes Lane, Upper Street, Forge Lane.

Busbridge Road between Stockett Lane & Well Street: - Diversion via Stockett Lane, Forstal Lane, Well Street.

Burberry Lane between George Lane & Lower Street: - Diversion via George Lane and Lower Street.

Broomfield Road near Upper Street Cottage: - Diversion via Broomfield Road, Park Barn Road, Burberry Lane, Penfold Hill, Ashford Road.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to replace poles in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Peter Bond on 07795 377412.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A20 London Road, Main Road Gorse Hill, A225 Eynsford Road, Beesfield Lane and Maplescombe Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water service.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WEST END, KEMSING (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on West End Kemsing between its junctions with Childsbridge Lane and St Ediths Road.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place on four of the following seven days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Childsbridge Lane, Church Street, Noah's Ark, and St Ediths Road. Please note vehicles will also be requested to use High Street and School Lane also.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water service.

Highways - District of Shepway**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(CHURCH ROAD, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Road, Hythe from its junction with North Road to its junction with Hillside Street on 28 August 2008 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until such works are complete.

No alternative route for through traffic. Resident only access to be maintained at all times where possible.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A20 ASHFORD ROAD, M20 JUNCTION 12 CHERITON INTERCHANGE, FOLKESTONE) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the works are carried out on or near the highway, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on the route described in the schedule to this order.

The Order will become effective on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete or for a period not exceeding 18 months at such times and such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

Schedule

A20 Ashford Road. M20/Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, Folkestone.

On the western approach to the roundabout, from the Give Way markings, westward along the A20 Ashford Road for a distance of 1100 metres to its junction with Newington Road

Highways - District of Swale**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(PARK ROAD, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Thin Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Park Road, Faversham from its junction with Chapel Street to its junction with East Street on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via East Street, Newton Road, Station Road, St Mary's Road, St John's Road and Chapel Street.

This order will come into force on Monday 8 September 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months.

The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Thanet**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(ALBION STREET BROADSTAIRS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Albion Street Broadstairs from its junction with Harbour Street to its junction with Charlotte Street on or after 08 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Nelson Place, Crow Hill, Lindenthorpe Road, Carlton Avenue and High Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(COTTAGE ROAD RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Cottage Road Ramsgate from the junction with B2054 Wellington Crescent to the junction with Albion Mews on or after 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of 7 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Wellington Crescent, Plains of Waterloo, La Belle Alliance Square and Hibernia Street. Via Hibernia Street, Camden Road, Abbots Hill and Albion Place.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

LONG MILL LANE, PLATT (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Long Mill Lane, Platt between its junctions with Basted Lane and Crouch Lane.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place from 26th August and last for 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Basted Lane, Plough Hill, Mill Lane, Thong Lane, Quarry Hill Road, A25 Maidstone Road and Crouch Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate a carriageway trench crossing to install a new electrical supply.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMON ROAD AND ISMAYS ROAD, IGHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Common Road, Igham between its junctions with A25 Sevenoaks Road and Ismays Road, and on Ismays Road, Igham between its junctions with Common Road and Stone Street Road.

Please note: these roads will not be closed at the same time.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 2 weeks per section. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via:

Common Road: A25 Sevenoaks Road, Igham Bypass, A227 Borough Green Road, The Street, Bates Hill, Ismays Road and Common Road.

Ismays Road: Back Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road, High Cross Road, Ismays Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate desilting and cabling of BT ducting.

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**The Insolvency Act 1986
WEARDALE FISH FARMS LIMITED
Company Number 04869935**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company will be held at Benedict Mackenzie LLP, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU, on Tuesday 2nd September 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Benedict Mackenzie LLP, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU, on the two business days immediately preceding the meeting between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. The resolutions at the meeting of creditors may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

Dated: 12 August 2008

By Order of the Board
Mirage Marketing Limited, Corporate Director

**The Insolvency Act 1986
D. R. SUNNICKS VOLUNTARY
(In Creditors Voluntary
Liquidation)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Keith Barry Stout, of 141 Parrack Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1EY was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Creditors on 12th August 2008. Dated 12th August 2008 Keith Barry Stout, Liquidator

**The Insolvency Act 1986
BENCH & BOOTH LIMITED
Company No: 05680215**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the Company will be held at Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, on 2 September 2008 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Sections 99 and 101 of the Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the offices of Fisher Partners, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, on 2 September 2008 and 3 September 2008 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Dated: 13 August 2008 Corporate Transfer Limited, Director

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INSIDE

New-look A6 joins Audi power surge

By **STEVE LOADER**

AUDI'S midlife makeover for its pivotal A6 model also marks a watershed in the UK motor market.

The prestige arm of the VW Group is one of a few brands to have improved sales and market share so far in a year when new car registrations are three per cent down – in that context, Audi's 2.15 per cent growth is impressive.

It also adds to a phenomenally successful burst in the brand's popularity since 2000, more than doubling sales and market share and replacing Mercedes-Benz as the UK's second favourite German executive brand and breathing down the neck of the leader, BMW.

Profitable

The secret has been building on a strong platform of A6/A4 saloon and estate models and the A3 quality hatchback series and adding profitable niche players like the TT and A5 coupes, a brace of cabriolets, the Q-series of SUVs and the R8 supercar.

And time was that the headline from the revamped A6 line-up would have been the latest RS muscle car – a new saloon version of



the V10 RS 6 – but this is now almost secondary to the updated engine line-up and its average 12 per cent improvement in fuel efficiency.

This kind of economy is fast becoming what consumers want to see as much as rapid 'halo' models like the RS series that they can only dream about.

Order books are already open for the new A6 line-up – early customers can expect cars before the end of October.

Saloon prices have crept up marginally, with a £400 rise to £24,800 for the entry model,

while the Avant estate starts from around £600 less at £26,370.

At the top of the revised range, the new RS 6 Saloon now complements the existing Avant with the cars priced at £76,160 and £77,730 respectively.

Apart from overall economy tweaks, the big news on the engine front is a supercharged 287bhp 3.0-litre TFSI petrol unit and a 2.0-litre TDI turbodiesel.

Business users will focus on the latter and, in particular, the 'e' model (from £24,800) with technical and aerodynamic tweaks including lowered suspension.

This car can average more than 50mpg, with ultra-low emissions of 139g/km CO₂, qualifying for a modest £120/year road tax bill.

Audi has also taken a leaf out of BMW's 'Efficient Dynamics' book by taking energy-hungry systems 'out of the loop' to reduce the engine's load and, therefore, fuel consumption.

So, the power steering pump operates only on demand and the alternator regenerates energy during coasting, though you have to ask why such measures are not made standard and cost more to buy.

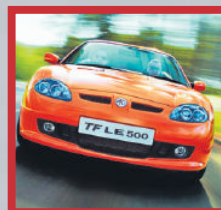


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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Lexus exception proves 4x4 rule



LEXUS can be forgiven some gloating as it watches sales of its hybrid RX400h motor ahead while rivals stall.

Toyota's luxury arm reports that 28 per cent more of these petrol-electric 4x4s were sold in July compared with July '07 as most opposition brands struggled with similar size declines in demand and a few had sales halved.

The Lexus RX400h is still no saint; as a relatively large vehicle, it still

averages less than 35mpg and emits 192g/km of CO₂, but these are miserly compared with figures for key rivals.

Nevertheless, the accompanying photograph highlights the incongruity of such 'Chelsea Tractors' in our towns and the Lexus may be about to become the exception that proves the new rule – a drive towards downsizing to cut congestion, fuel consumption and emissions.

BUOYED by this summer's launch of the all-new Ibiza five-door supermini, Seat aims to capitalise on the new registration change in September.

The newcomer (from £8,995) is well-spec'd, cheap to insure and styled by ex-Lamborghini designer Luc Donckerwolke. It also spearheads offers by the Spanish marque to tempt buyers with other models.

One of Driving's favourites, the coupé-style Leon five-door family hatch, is available with 1.9 TDI diesel power in new Emocion spec with a free upgrade to superior Stylance level, bringing dual zone climate control, electric front and rear windows, cruise control and, at £14,350, saving £900 over the £15,250 cost of the Stylance.

There is also a Leon Emocion special edition for just £13,250 plus offers on the

Altea MPV line-up and a £1,500 saving on the venerable seven-seat Alhambra people carrier in Stylance 2.0 TDI (£19,995) form.

There are deals too on outgoing Ibiza three-door superminis as dealers clear the decks for the imminent arrival of the SportCoupé replacement.

Seat seeks to spark sales in September



Ford Ka given licence to thrill



FORD appears keen to establish a tradition linking the James Bond blockbusters with its own would-be sales stars.

For the latest 007 jaunt, Quantum of Solace, features a cameo appearance by the all-new Ford Ka – following up on a similar screen debut for the current Mondeo in the previous Bond movie, Casino Royale (2006).

And Ford's second-generation baby car is given a harder edge by being partnered with the film's feisty leading lady Camille (Olga Kurylenko) – a woman with her own personal mission and an unlikely ally for 007.

The new Ford Ka is due in the UK in November.

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MG reborn... again

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STEVELOADER

AT TIMES we doubted whether it would happen, but the historic MG sporting marque is resurrected next month with the return of the MGTF roadster.

Two Kent dealerships – Apple MG of Meopham and SMC MG of Sittingbourne – are among some 50 dealers appointed across the UK by the brand's Chinese owners.

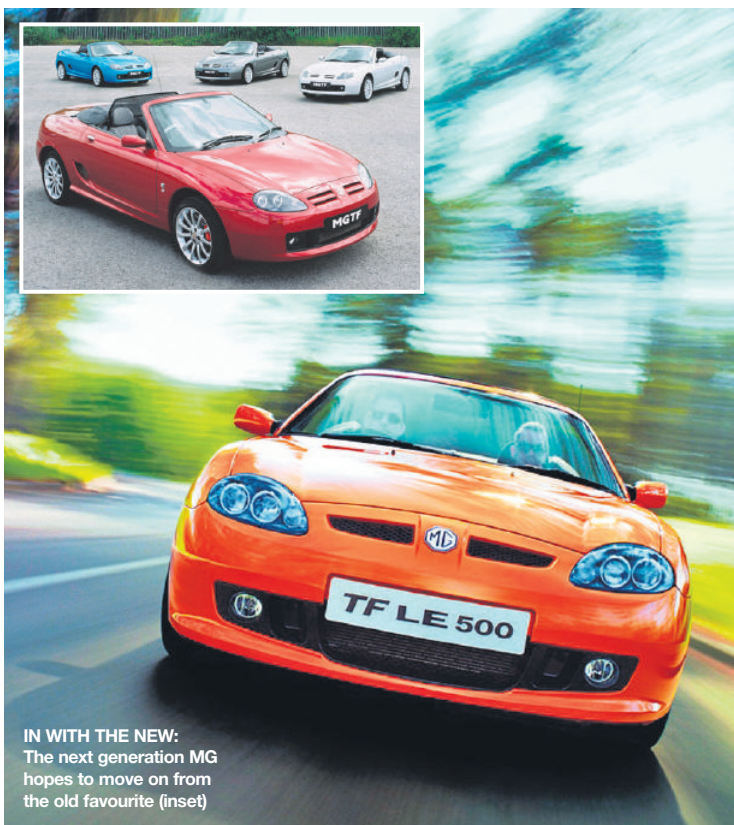
Despite diehard support for the famous octagonal badge, would-be buyers have been slow to commit until they see the reborn car in the metal.

However, the £16,399 price tag is tempting, especially when you consider that the MG was a consistent best-seller in the two-seat sports car sector against big hitters like the formidable Mazda MX-5.

The new company, NAC MG UK Ltd, is also quick to claim that the new generation LE500 model rolling off the old production line at Longbridge, Birmingham, is not a simple rehash.

The mid-engine/rear-driven car has gained styling tweaks – notably single-louvre front intakes instead of double-louvres – an upgraded engine, body coloured hardtop, sports style leather seats, parking sensors, MP3-compatible Pioneer sound system and LE500 branding.

NAC MG sales and marketing director Gary Hagen said: "When it was last available, the MG was the UK's best selling small sports car. We are confident that the indicated demand for the return of the marque from dealers, enthusiasts and most importantly new customers will see it reclaim that position."



IN WITH THE NEW:
The next generation MG hopes to move on from the old favourite (inset)

Downsizing hammers big car and 4x4 prices

MARKET watchers at Glass's Guide have confirmed a predicted switch from larger to smaller cars as UK drivers strive to slash motoring costs.

Fuel efficiency and much higher rates of road tax both come into their deliberations, with used values for large executive cars and larger 4x4s, subsequently falling up to eight per cent a month this summer.

"The current economic climate has accelerated a trend of downsizing in all but the smallest used car segments," said Glass's Adrian Rushmore, but added that it was a mixed blessing for the trade:

"With demand across the used car market as a whole continuing to ease back, it is some small consolation to retailers that the current economic turmoil is at least driving sales of smaller models.

"However, these customers are presenting dealers with a lot of unwanted part exchanges – cars that are fuel inefficient, with high emissions and often large.

"These include off-road 4x4s, large MPVs, and mid-sized and large executive and luxury saloon cars. Dealers are left to anxiously ponder the demand for, and declining values of, such cars. In some instances trade demand has been totally absent, as dealers consider how low retail prices need to be set in order to attract customer interest."

But Mr Rushmore added that buyers and sellers were becoming more realistic on prices, leading to more deals taking place.

Roomster savings

SKODA aims to cash in on the downsizing trend through free trim upgrades on its family-friendly car-size Roomster MPV, effectively putting £1,000 back in customers' pockets.

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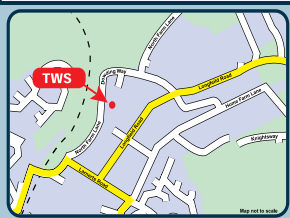
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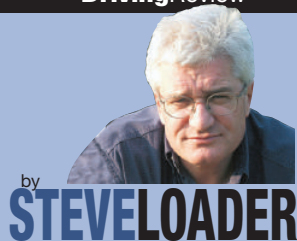
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Daihatsu Materia

MAYBE I saw the future.

An energy-strapped world where superstars like Madonna – the original 'Material Girl' – are ferried around in blacked out mini-MPVs like the Daihatsu Materia, while the rest of us labour on bikes, trikes and electric rickshaws.

I woke up, of course, but the Materia was still on the drive.

It's an odd looking thing: a mix of retro American custom car, front and rear-ended wreck and limo for the party elite in the People's Republic of La-La Land.

But I sort of like it too.

For a start, you are never alone next to a Materia. It is just one of those cars that people notice and ask about.

Comments are not always flattering, but everyone is impressed by the enormous interior – undoubtedly the cue for my dream. Any superstar keen to maintain street cred by downsizing from a blacked out Hummer, could buy 'greenie points' with their public and preserve some lounging space this way.

There is just the one model, priced at £10,995 – loose change for a superstar – and laden with kit, although newly-appointed Kent dealer Cheriton Motor House at Folkestone has gone

We are living in a Materia World



MADGE MOBILE: Is the Daihatsu Materia the 'Hummer' of the future for A-list celebrities, or is our motors editor just dreaming?

one step further with a funky custom kit (see picture) that adds to the Materia's hot rod looks.

Even without add-ons though, the ground-hugging style of the Materia really stands out against relatively dull looking rivals like the

Vauxhall Meriva, Nissan Note and Renault Modus – no wonder the car is a cult in its native Japan.

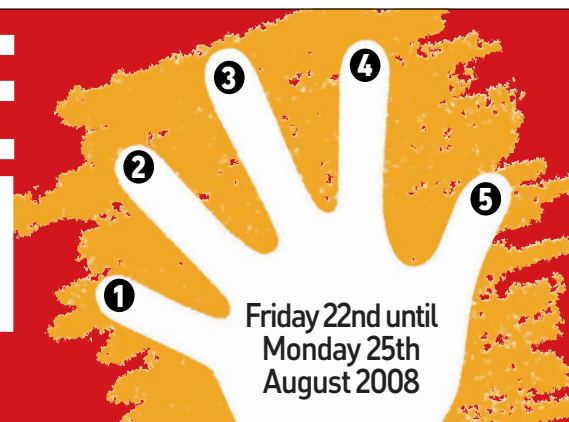
In addition to front and side airbags, air-con, electric windows all round, six-speaker sound

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limo-style legroom in the back or maximum boot space as required, while reclining is not only good for adult passengers on long journeys but better for fitting child seats.

Pushing the rear seats right back and then reclining the front ones creates a decent bed settee too.

Headroom and cabin storage is excellent, but the car's spaciousness – its biggest selling point – is robbed of some impact by a universally black interior in which even the detailing is black acrylic.

There is also good and bad news on the driving front; the good is how a short overhang/long wheelbase chassis gives the Materia a decent ride and grip, though I did suffer some earache from the back-seat drivers for the car's tendency to roll a bit on the bends when laden.

Mind you, the five-speed manual shift – a four-speed auto is also offered – is a bit too wacky for spirited driving, while the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol engine is willing but lets you know about it under acceleration, although motorway cruising is acceptable. The unit's 169g/km of CO2 emis-

sions also places the car in a relatively high road tax banding costing £170 a year.

And I was irked by the centre speedo, understandable cost-cutting to please left and right-hand drive markets, but at the price of forcing the driver to look away from the road ahead.

This unit also houses tiny indicator repeaters paired with a feeble audible warning – both easy to overlook and likely to create the classic accident at a junction where a fellow driver pulls into your path in the belief that you are turning into their road rather than carrying straight on.

DrivingStats

- Daihatsu Materia 1.5 £10,995
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- Garage stats: 3.8m by 1.69m five-door mini-MPV
- Powertrain: 1,495cc/102bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
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Saudi prince's timely move

By **TONY PATEY**

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A MIDDLE Eastern businessman has built up a key strategic stake in one of Kent's fastest growing international companies – and City experts are watching for the next move.

Saudi Arabia's Prince Hussam bin Saud bin Abdulaziz al Saud now has about an eighth of the shares of Tunbridge Wells-based Synchronica, the rapidly expanding award-winning email to mobile phone technology business.

The prince may not be biggest shareholder – Lanstead Partners investment firm owns around a fifth – but he is significant because he is non-executive chairman of the Saudi arm of the Zain Group, one of the world's largest mobile telecom-



KEY FIGURE: Prince Hussam bin Saud bin Abdulaziz al Saud

munications networks. Son of the late King Saud Bin Abdul Aziz, he is the founder and chairman of Saudi Plastic Factory, which has an international reputation in the industry.

After graduating in economics

from King Saud University in 1980, he got an MSc from London University in 1986 and a PhD from Birkbeck College in 1989.

Both Zain and Synchronica are pushing expansion in China, India, and the Middle East – with Synchronica also going after the emerging markets in Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

All are ripe for business because PC and fixed-line link-ups are relatively few.

Synchronica's latest move in its aim to become a world leader in mass market mobile email technology has been to snap up the operating business of rival AxisMobile in a mainly shares £2.6 million deal.

AxisMobile had debts of £3.5 million, but Synchronica paid £156,000 towards them, and AxisMobile issued shares to mop up the rest.

To help pay, the firm is raising additional funds of more than £5 million from new and existing institutional investors, which brings the

total funding secured so far this year to nearly £10 million. The two previous fundraising exercises – in January and February – brought Prince Hussam on board in February.

Synchronica bosses said taking over AxisMobile, set up in 2000 and with offices in Israel and London, will add a strong sales force and key customer contracts in the relatively untapped areas of Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Russia.

Chief executive officer Carsten Brinkschulte said: "The fundraising and the acquisition of AxisMobile is a dramatic acceleration for us and I believe it will build value for our shareholders."

"It is a key milestone that will improve our competitive positioning and accelerate our commercial growth. It will increase our ability to sell to customers, particularly to those in emerging economies, where we see the largest potential growth for mobile email and synchronisa-

tion.

"The next few years will be an exciting time for us here and for our customers around the globe. We look forward with increased confidence."

Shai Schiller, executive chairman of AxisMobile, said: "It makes great commercial sense to combine forces."

"Both companies are committed to open standards and to developing products that work on even the most basic of handsets – a must given that the market for mass market mobile email is being fuelled by demand from the developing world."

Synchronica, which says the new moves will mean more jobs at Tunbridge Wells, has a development centre in Germany and a presence in Hong Kong, Dubai and the USA.

KOS Media has spotlighted a number of its deals this year including an agreement with mobile phone giant Brightstar Corp of Miami, and a global licensing deal with a leading Chinese handset maker.

MANY businesses are frightened of the cost of implementing new EU legislation regarding noise levels for the entertainment industry, but it can be done simply and cost-effectively, says a Kent firm.

Pubs, clubs and bars now have to ensure that staff are not exposed to noise levels greater than 85 decibels. This is because the EU's Noise Directive was extended to cover the entertainment industry this year.

Mark Scutchings, managing director of Hearbase, a leading private audiological company, said: "The directive was introduced to industry two years ago but the entertainment sector was given an additional two years' grace to comply. The directive states employers must offer hearing protection if staff are working in environ-

Heard about the EU Noise Directive?

ments where noise is greater than 80dB.

"If noise levels reach 85dB, employers must ensure staff wear the hearing protection provided or they could be liable for any hearing damage suffered by employees."

"Many staff in entertainment venues are

exposed to dangerously loud music which can cause serious and permanent hearing damage. For example, 80dB is about shouting level and 90-105dB is a nightclub dancefloor.

"It will affect a wide range of workers, from DJs to bar staff and security teams to waitresses. I am seeing these people 30 years later, when they come to be fitted for hearing aids," Mr Scutchings said.

Businesses concerned about the cost of meeting new legislation can protect their staff by providing suitable hearing protection; monitoring noise levels; ensuring protection is worn when necessary; providing staff with regular breaks; rotating where and when staff work; offering free hearing tests and introducing acoustic absorption measures.



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He won't waste an opportunity

ENGINEER and entrepreneur Patrick Watts was on the point of retiring but couldn't resist setting up one more business he was sure would succeed.

He was aware of new legislation making it illegal to dispose of waste electrical and electronic equipment – called WEEE in the business – in landfill and the UK had only two sites that could recycle these goods.

His wife, Pam, took some persuading that, instead of selling a 20,000 sq ft warehouse they owned and taking a well-earned rest, they should invest £3.5 million and start a new business in waste management.

That was last year, and in spite of the investment needed to turn their warehouse into a WEEE recycling plant, the business was in profit within six months and is now turning over more than £2.5 million.

The plant has the capacity to munch through 60,000 tonnes of WEEE a year, reclaiming 96 per cent of materials to put copper, steel, aluminium, precious metals, plastics and glass back into the supply chain.

Also the company, SWEEEP in Sittingbourne, has hired 50 people who had been long-term unemployed.

Its founders aim to refine processes within the plant, improve efficiency and add further processing.

It has now been selected as one of the top 12 green business leaders in the 2008 Barclays Commercial Bank Green Leaders in Business Awards. National finalists will now be invited before an expert judging panel, chaired by leading environmentalist Tom Burke.

Winners will be revealed before an audience of 250 guests at a gala luncheon at the East Wintergarden in London on September 9.

In praise of our overseas friends

RAISE a toast to our continental neighbours!

A massive 100 jobs a month have been created on average by foreign direct investment in Kent, flying in the face of the year-old credit squeeze and dark economic clouds.

Figures published this week by Locate in Kent, the one-stop shop for businesses wanting to set up in the county, reveal that international investors created nearly 1,500 jobs between April 2007 and July 2008.

North West Europe, in particular France and the Netherlands, were the largest investors in the county, creating a high volume of jobs particularly in the ICT and food and agriculture sectors.

The US and Canada remain prominent investors, particularly in the life sciences sector, with Kent giving companies such as Solace Pharmaceuticals and Abbott Laboratories access to the European marketplace.

Locate in Kent indicates that this year is set to see a further increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) projects. For example, 21.4

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per cent of new projects in the first three months of its 12-month period covering 2008-09 are FDI related, compared with 18 per cent in the same period in 2007-08.

Importantly, recorded capital expenditure from FDI for April-July 2008-09 totals just under £1 million and has increased three-fold compared with the same period last year, leading to a knock-on effect throughout the local economy.

Paul Wookey, chief executive, said: "There is no denying the UK economy is starting to feel the downturn. However, we have good reason to be optimistic in Kent."

"We have worked hard to develop the infrastructure and networks needed to support and foster innovation. Last year brought the opening of Ebbsfleet International and with the introduction of domestic services from December 2009 are already seeing plenty of interest from international firms."

Kent County Council cabinet member for regeneration, Cllr Roger Gough, said: "While domestic investment is still strong, it is international investment that will drive the Kent economy in the near future and we are exploiting every opportunity to promote the county to an international audience."

"We have been running campaigns in the Nord Pas de Calais for years and were recently involved in an event at the British embassy in Paris to promote investment opportunities around Ebbsfleet International. And our Brussels office has just marked its 21st anniversary, displaying Kent's long-standing connection with its European neighbours."

"With a strong pipeline of exciting projects in place, we are confident we will continue to be able to deliver high-value, sustainable economic growth and knowledge-based jobs."

Locate in Kent's annual review for 2007-08 revealed the county attracted a record number of investors. Half of the jobs attracted and 87 per cent of capital investment was by overseas companies.

Fighting talk from IT consultancy

GO OUT and fight for business – that is the message from a Kent IT consultancy to firms being rocked by economic turbulence.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, says that as the credit squeeze tightens its grip many businesses are looking at ways to reduce costs, often by redundancies or cutting budgets.

But he says there is a different route which is better in the long term – sink more into sales, marketing and IT.

Mr Kenny said: "In times of financial difficulty businesses have a stark choice – reduce their expenditure or invest. The former is a very short-term solution, which in the medium to long term may actually do more damage than good."

"Business owners with foresight view a slowdown as an opportunity to invest more into sales, marketing and IT, and it often pays dividends and strengthens their brand."

"An effective IT strategy is one of the best ways for a business to challenge the economic climate and can contribute to its growth. Sadly, for many businesses, IT strategy is often overlooked and not perceived as essential."

"Every company can benefit from an IT 'health check'."

"It can help them understand what systems they have in place, identify opportunities for improvements, and decide whether their systems are properly set up, effective

for the needs of the business and fit for purpose."

Liquid Knowledge has five key steps to assist businesses in their IT strategy, with the view to improving efficiency and bringing in more customers without increasing costs.

These are: make sure your IT systems are fit for purpose; have appropriate support in place; get the right telecoms; have the right website and improve your website visibility.

Mr Kenny said a firm's IT infrastructure should be properly set up and configured. This contributes to productivity and can reduce failures and downtime. And by identifying weak areas, failures can be prevented.

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FARMHOUSES and agricultural buildings sales and leases must have Energy Performance Certificates from October 1 – but they are likely to receive a cool welcome from the agricultural community.

EPCs rating the energy efficiency of a building may be familiar to those buying and selling a family home, forming part of the controversial home information pack, but less so for those selling a farmhouse or leasing a farm, which have to date been exempt from HIP requirements. However, as law firm Adams

Cool response to energy ratings

and Remers, which has an office in Tunbridge Wells, warns, the new legislation requires farmhouses and agricultural buildings newly built, leased or sold to include an EPC, detailing the energy efficiency of the home and selected agricultural buildings.

Philip Rowland, a commercial property solicitor, said: "EPCs are

now being aimed at all premises and are intended to allow potential buyers or tenants of farms to use the information to consider energy efficiency as part of the decision to buy or occupy a building.

"The jury is still out on whether EPCs will have the effect the Government is hoping for with regards to the agricultural community, with

many of our clients seeing them as just adding to the already high costs of buying and maintaining agricultural property."

The EPC will contain an energy rating that grades the building's current energy performance on a scale from A (very efficient) to G (the lowest rating), and a report which sets out recommendations that could improve energy efficiency and detailing the potential energy rating that could be achieved.

Mr Rowland said: "These are just recommendations, with no obligation to act upon them. In today's financial climate it is difficult to see a property owner or a tenant spending money to improve the energy efficiency of agricultural buildings voluntarily."

ly, unless there is clear evidence of the potential financial benefit of such improvements."

The legislation does provide some exemptions. Buildings that are unheated will not generally require an EPC and buildings that are heated or air-conditioned for just a few days a year – such as greenhouses for the germination of plants – will also be exempt.

"EPCs are only required when a building is built, sold or let," said Mr Rowland. "An EPC will not be required for a lease renewal, extension or surrender."

Enforcement of EPCs will be the responsibility of the local authority. Failure to provide an EPC may result in a penalty of 12.5 per cent of the rateable value of the property, subject to a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £5,000.

"Payment of a penalty does not remove the requirement to provide an EPC," said Mr Rowland. "And the prospective recipient cannot agree to waive the right to receive an EPC."

EPCs were introduced for premises with a floor area over 10,000 sq m on April 6, and for premises with a floor area over 2,500 sq m on July 1. From October 1 all farmhouses and selected agricultural buildings will require an EPC.

Farm's conservation pride

A KENT farm has been awarded the Emsden Cup for an outstanding contribution to conservation.

Judith Norris, vice-chairman of the Kent branch of the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), presented the award to estate manager Greg Ellis of Sunley Farms, at Godmersham, near Canterbury.

Godmersham Park is a 360-hectare estate which came under the ownership of Sunley Farms in 1983. The estate has preserved and restored woodland, permanent pasture and historic features such as an ice house and a folly.

Under Mr Ellis's guidance, the chalk grassland has been managed and supports species such as the black-veined moth and dwarf milkwort.

The woodland was severely dam-



WELL DONE: Greg Ellis receives the cup from Judith Norris

aged in the 1987 hurricane, but has been replanted and enhanced. The Emsden Cup was first donated 20 years ago. At the time, Brigadier Brian Emsden, a keen conservationist, was regional secretary of the CLA and instrumental in raising £15,000 to help start Kent Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group

(FWAG). After Brig Emsden's death, the Kent branch of the CLA presented the trophy in his memory, to be awarded by FWAG.

Mrs Norris said: "It is thanks to the work that goes on, day-in, day-out, on estates such as Godmersham that we have a countryside we can be proud of in Kent."

"The award was made in recognition of Sunley Farms' dedication to management of the estate in a way that serves wildlife conservation, landscape, heritage and game interests equally."

The CLA has 36,000 members. It supports landowners by advising them on how best to protect and maximise their land.

CLA members own approximately half the rural land in England and Wales. For more details about the CLA, visit www.cla.org.uk.

Not Bard at all...

A TRANSPORT company based in Larkfield has become the first and only logistics provider in the area to offer dedicated delivery services for one to six pallet consignments to Spain, Portugal and Italy.

Shakespeare Transport, a member of Palletways network in Europe, has extended the boundaries of its pan-continental delivery services to include these three countries.

It already offers services for small consignments to the Benelux countries, Denmark, France and Germany.

Goods will be collected by the firm and transported to Palletways' central hub in Lichfield. From there all goods bound for

Europe will be consolidated for onward distribution to their delivery points in Spain, Portugal and Italy.

Because Palletways has a fully integrated IT infrastructure, customers can track and trace their consignments using the internet.

Nick Verall of Shakespeare Transport said: "Our extended pan-European delivery services are very customer-friendly."

"We will collect domestic and European freight at the same time and, above all, the customer only deals with us throughout the whole supply chain across Europe and does not have to deal with any third-party contractors."

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HIGH on the agenda of businesses is how much they pay for finance and when they can get it – and now is the time to ring-fence it.

That's the message from Jonathan Watson, Maidstone branch manager of Handelsbanken, a leading Swedish bank established in 1871 and with more than 50 branches in the UK.

He said now is a good time for local businesses to dig out loan agreements and facility letters and review the specific terms under which finance has been provided.

"Check the term of the facility and when it is due to expire. If it is coming to an end soon, then start discussions with the lender now whilst there is still time to negotiate," he said.

"If your financier wants to reduce its loan book, now is the time to start talking to alternative providers – you don't want to be on the back foot." He said businesses should check

when fixed rate agreements are due to end and investigate

current prices which may or may not be favourable in comparison. That may need careful budgeting to ensure loan repayments can continue to be met.

"On-demand facilities are often used for working capital, but be aware that they can be withdrawn at any time and that you have little protection if your financier wants to reduce its lending. Other committed forms of finance



ACT NOW: It's time to review the terms of loan agreements, advises Jonathan Watson

such as bank loans may be more appropriate and will afford you greater protection, although this usually comes at a price.

"Read the small print carefully – breaches of covenant can be costly and could lead to facilities being withdrawn.

"Ensure covenants are appropriate when you negotiate your facility and if you feel there is likely to be a breach, contact your financier as soon as possible.

"You are more likely to be met with a positive response if you initiate contact, as it gives you an opportunity to demonstrate how the position will be remedied without affecting the repayment of your debt."

Also, he said, when reviewing credit facilities you should consider whether you have a sufficient safety net in place.

This reduces the impact of any unexpected expenses and you'll be in a strong position to negotiate a better deal when you have time to examine alternatives.

Mr Watson said: "Maintain an open dialogue with your financiers as they are more likely to cooperate if you have a good relationship. Ensure that they are kept fully informed of your plans and that information is provided on time and in sufficient detail.

"Banks don't like surprises and you are more likely to receive the help you need if your bank manager is a genuine partner of your business as opposed to a distant provider.

"Competition among banks is still strong for good quality business. If your company is performing well and you don't feel that your bank is delivering, look at what is available elsewhere and at what price."

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Construction Expo 2008 update

STEPHEN Stone, chief executive of Crest Nicholson, one of the UK's leading residential property developers, is among the high-profile speakers at Construction Expo 2008, the biggest construction and regeneration show ever staged in Kent.

He will be unveiling plans for residential development at the flagship Rochester Riverside regeneration site which is a 74-acre brownfield area where outline planning permis-

sion has been granted for a mixed use community.

This will include up to 2,000 mixed tenure homes and, together with joint venture partner BioRegional Quintain, Crest Nicholson has been selected as the preferred developer for the first 600 homes.

The event, being produced by the North Kent Construction Skills project and KOS Media in association with Business Link, with a wide

range of sponsors including Medway council, will be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard on September 24.

It will showcase many exciting projects creating jobs and homes in Medway and beyond.

Demand for places has been high, with about 100 stands taken so far.

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Yes it's rough, but this nasty cycle will end

A YEAR after the credit crunch emerged – and central banks pumped money into the financial system to stop it seizing up – we are still witnessing the fallout.

RBS recently announced a loss of £691 million, its first loss in 40 years.

The International Monetary Fund says the markets remain fragile and are still at an elevated level of risk. The IMF has estimated that globally financial institutions may suffer losses of up to \$1 trillion – that is £502 billion.

Sovereign wealth funds from the Middle East and China have stepped in to help Western banks recapitalise – in particular Asian wealth funds such as the China Investment

Corporation. Around the globe the effects are still being felt as share prices have been hit and remain volatile, with financial shares among the worst affected.

Credit is key to economic growth, so the lack of available funding has damaged growth expectations. Global growth is predicted to be just 4.1 per cent this year and 3.9 per cent in 2009.

Even in countries not laden with debt, they are revising forecasts. China is worried about weaker growth as exports to the US are falling and companies may need to rely on domestic consumption.

Although businesses and individuals will be

hit by what is going on, it is just a cycle – a nasty one, but just a cycle none the less.

The US Federal Reserve seems to have managed the situation and some commentators are saying America is nearing the end of the cycle and may emerge stronger next year.

They are more pessimistic for the UK and Europe, predicting things could get worse and we may not start to emerge until 2010.

It certainly is a time to control spending, pull our belts in and sit it out. Anyone concerned about their own personal financial situation should seek advice early, as it is always easier to deal with a problem rather than a crisis – ask any banker.

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RT: Rate type R%: Rate percentage L: Loan U: Until
OD: Other details

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BRISTOL & WEST
RT: FIXED R%: 6.03% L: 75% U: 31/08/2013
OD: £1,000 ARRANGEMENT

BM SOLUTIONS
RT: FIXED R%: 5.84% L: 75% U: 01/04/2011
OD: £500 ARRANGEMENT

RBS
RT: FIXED R%: 5.97% L: 75% U: 30/09/2010
OD: £399 ARRANGEMENT

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OD: £2,000 ARRANGEMENT

NATIONWIDE
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OD: £1,499 ARRANGEMENT

CHELTEMHAM & GLOUCESTER
RT: TRACKER R%: 5.69% L: 75% U: 31/10/2010
OD: £2,094 ARRANGEMENT

BM SOLUTIONS
RT: TRACKER R%: 5.59% L: 75% U: 2 YEARS
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CLYDESDALE Bank's commitment to the Thames Gateway has been underlined by the appointment of a banking expert with a quarter of a century's experience.

Bromley-born Jeremy Brett, above, has joined the Thames Gateway team as a senior business partner.

He joins from RBS Commercial, where he headed the property and healthcare team at Crossways, near Dartford. Prior to that he was with NatWest for 22 years.



Movers & Shakers

MAIDSTONE-based ASB Law has bolstered its corporate finance team with the appointment of new partner, Claire Williams, right.

She qualified as a barrister and solicitor in her native New Zealand before moving to London.

She joins from Brachers where she spent five years building a corporate practice. The appointment caps a very successful period for its corporate team. In the last financial year, the firm advised on 98 deals valued at £840 million.



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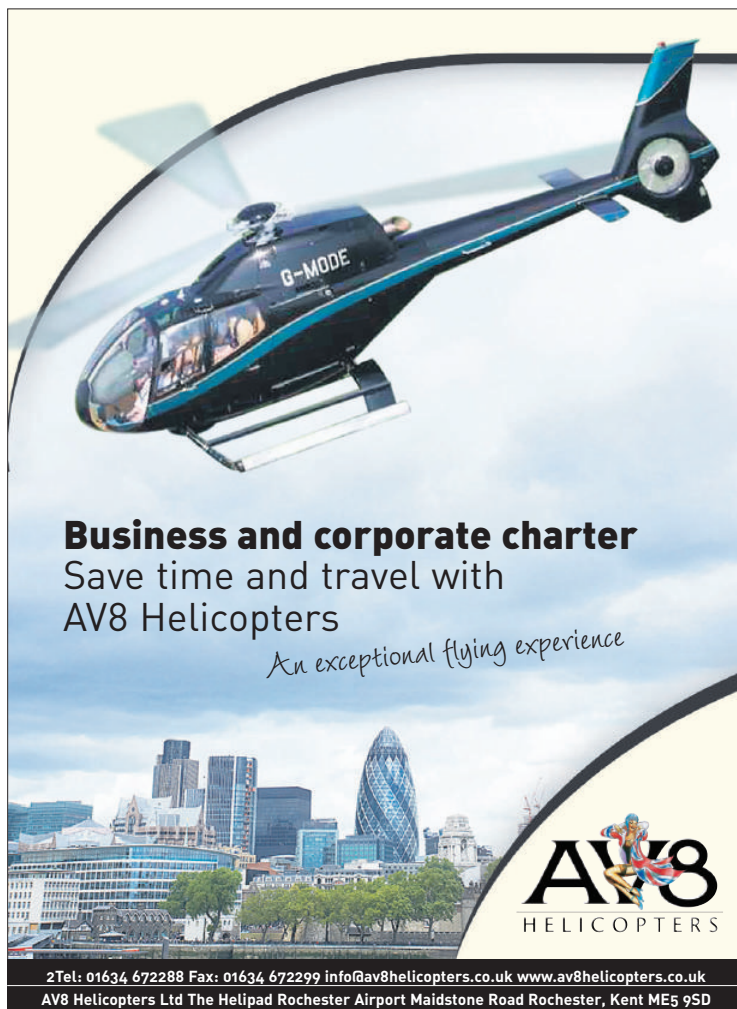
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DOBRISKEY'S OLYMPIC Diary

Middle-distance runner Lisa Dobriskey is competed in the Olympic 1500m final yesterday. Throughout the Games the Ashford-born athlete has been sending regular updates from Team GB...



Tuesday, August 19

I'VE done all my training now in preparation for the semi-finals on Thursday.

I went down to the stadium yesterday morning to see the warm-up track.

The Bird's Nest stadium was full and the atmosphere was just amazing – I keep managing to get myself lost in the village as it's so big!

There's a good sense of team spirit in the GB camp and those who have finished competing are always out and about supporting the others. I've spent a lot of my time in the athletes lodge which is about 15 minutes away from the village. It's where family and friends can meet up so I've spent a lot of time with my boyfriend Ricky and now my brother and coach are here it's almost home from home.

Friday, August 22

WELL the first race is over and it's such a huge relief to be in the final.

I was so nervous, but once I was into my warm-up I felt so much better. It's been such a big build up to this point and I just felt that if I didn't perform well all that hard work would be wasted and I'd end up letting so many people down.

I really enjoyed racing and it was great that there was a Chinese athlete in my heat, so the atmosphere was amazing. It was scary being in the final heat as I had to wait so long to get on that start line. I struggled to sleep last night just because of all the adrenaline!

I've had a really nice day today though, with my boyfriend, my mum and my brother and George, my coach. I didn't get to see them after my race last night because I had to have massage, ice bath and get back to the village.

It was great knowing they were there in the crowd though. I've been overwhelmed with the amount of support I've had while I've been out here and I'm so grateful to everyone – I've had so many messages from people offering their best wishes!

As for now, well I'm feeling relaxed at the moment as I'm just so excited to be in an Olympic final – it's been a dream to just be here ever since I was little! I dare say I'll be a nervous wreck again tomorrow though.

The 4x400m relays are off this evening and so I'm going to watch that on the TV, that's the down side to being right at the end of the games, I haven't been able to watch anything live.

Anyway I'm off to have one final ice bath!

Lisa x

• For up-to-date diary entries from Lisa, visit www.kentnews.co.uk, where you can leave her good luck messages.

Stimson's focused on the job at hand

Boss meets player for clear-the-air talks

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

By DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson insists his squad are united after speaking to the player he openly criticised after last Saturday's defeat to Luton.

In his post-match press conference the Gills boss expressed his frustration with one player who did not go into the changing room after the defeat, which he felt had the potential to disrupt the squad's togetherness.

Stimson's first season in charge was hampered by a rift between himself and a group of players within the squad.

It was thought the problem had gone once the players left the club earlier this year, but it resurfaced again last weekend.

Issues

After speaking to the individual this week, Stimson now believes the matter has passed.

He said: "It's all been taken care of and now we move forward. It's gone and I hope it doesn't come back. It was very disappointing and I spoke to the player concerned."

"We had a lot of issues last year and I didn't think we had anything like that. We spoke about it and I said I don't want it to happen again."

"For me, [assistant manager] Scott [Barratt] and [first team coach] Mark Robson all

we want is honesty and respect."

The transfer window closes on September 1 and while Stimson is keen to add another striker and a left-sided player he cannot do so without lightening his wage bill first.

Stuart Lewis has been added to the group of players available for loan and is expected to move this week after attracting interest from several clubs.

There have not been any offers for the other players available. Nicky Southall is among the group, but Stimson admitted he was not completely surprised he had not received any offers for the 36-year-old.

He said: "Yes and no. Yes, because of his background, but it's what you do now that's the most important thing, not what you did five years ago. That's what we all look at. I've been offered players this week who have been Premier League players. Now they're not so I don't think they're going to be good enough for what we are looking at."

Gills have extended the deal with Tottenham Hotspur defender Leigh Mills. The 20-year-old will now stay until January after impressing on his debut last weekend.

Stimson has another week to decide on Tyrone Berry and Curtis Weston, but cannot sign them without players leaving first.



BACK ON TRACK: Gills' Mark Stimson



Picture: ADY KERRY

MISTAKE: Douglas failed to hand over the baton in Friday's race

Douglas left to face music after problems with baton

MONTELL Douglas' hopes of an Olympic medal were wrecked on Friday after a mix-up in the sprint relay saw the British team fail to get the baton round the track.

With the highly-rated quartet from the United States dropping their baton in the heats, Britain were tipped to finish on the podium in the final.

But confusion at the second changeover meant Douglas did not hand over to Emily Freeman leading to their disqualification.

A disappointed Douglas said afterwards: "We messed up. I went out on the back straight well, but as I came into the changeover I felt Emily went too soon. It was just unlucky really."

It completed a frustrating Olympic debut for the Blackheath & Bromley Harrier.

After breaking the national record last month she was a last-minute addition to the 100m squad and cruised through round one last Saturday.

The 22-year-old, from Bromley, had a good lane draw in the second round, but she came in fourth and was eliminated. It was a disappointing performance from Douglas, who would have qualified for the final if she had run close to her personal best.

This week the other Kent athletes competing in Beijing also finished their events.

Canterbury's Mel Clewlow won her 250th international hockey cap during the tournament, but her hopes of an Olympic medal petered out on Monday. The women's hockey team had an outside chance of making the semi-finals going into their final pool match, but they had to beat the USA to stay in contention. The team eventually hung on for a 0-0 draw and finished third in the group. They finished sixth after losing their final classification match 2-0 to Australia on Friday.

In the men's team, Ashley Jackson's bid for an Olympic medal

came to an end on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old scored in the first match against Pakistan, but a 1-1 draw against Canada proved costly after narrowly losing to the Netherlands.

They went into the final pool match, with defending champions Australia needing an 8-0 win to make the semi-finals. The 3-3 draw saw them finish third in the group, putting them into a play-off for fifth place with Korea, which took place after Kent on Sunday went to press.

Despite missing out on a medal, West Malling's Jackson featured in every group match, enhancing his international career. If he can stay clear of injury the forward should make the squad in London 2012.

Lisa Dobriskey looked in fine form as she set a personal best in the semi-finals of the 1500m, fuelling hopes the Ashford athlete could win a medal in yesterday's final. Log on to www.kentnews.co.uk for the result.

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It's time to show some character

After losing in the finals of the Twenty20 Cup and Friends Provident Trophy in the last month, Kent all-rounder **JAMES TREDWELL** reflects on missed opportunities and sets his sights on making amends before the end of the season...

HOW every Kent player reacts to the massive disappointments of the past month – and especially our defeat to Essex at Lord's last Saturday – will dictate how the rest of the season pans out for us.

There is still a lot to play for in the last four or five weeks of the summer, but we have to pick ourselves up and, personally speaking, I certainly feel that the crushing feeling we experienced at Lord's is making me want to play even harder in the remaining month or so of this campaign.

It is important, I believe, to use the frustrations and disappointments you get in professional sport to kick you on again, to make you practice and play with even more determination and desire to do well.

We have achieved so much in a way this summer, because getting to both the Twenty20 Cup and Friends Provident Trophy finals was a great effort with everyone in the squad contributing.

But at Lord's we did not perform and Rob Key, our captain, was rightly critical afterwards. Only Robbie Joseph, Ryan McLaren and Martin van Jaarsveld came out of the game with any real pride in their performance, and as a team we know it was a huge missed opportunity.

Again from a personal point of view it was very much an occasion which passed me by, which is sad because cup finals are special things. I only got into bat right at the end of our innings and was run out without facing



a ball as I tried to keep Ryan McLaren on strike and then, when we bowled, I only got on for a couple of overs.

That is how cricket is, though, and although I am really disappointed not to have been able to contribute more on the day – as I did in the semi-final win at Durham, for instance – I quite understand the reasons for it.

When we did not get enough runs on the board we knew we had to bowl out Essex to win and our pace bowlers – and especially Robbie Joseph, who was magnificent – were the best options. At one stage we even thought we might have a chance, but Grant Flower and James Foster both batted exceptionally well and you have to give them credit for that.

My bowling in one-day games is far more effective when we are putting a bit of scoreboard pressure on the opposition.

At Lord's that was never a situation that we were in.

Some people have also said that I might have been used a bit higher up the batting order, but to be fair I've not exactly been demanding a promotion up the order with the bat and it is always easy in hindsight to say things like that.

We decided our batting order before the

game, and although there is always a possibility of some changes to that – in one-day cricket you have to be flexible – I don't think there was anything wrong with the order we all went in.

If you look at the season overall, too, I think it is our batting overall which has not functioned as it should as a unit.

On occasions we have done well, as at Durham in that semi-final, but too often we have not pulled our weight as a unit given the great strength in depth we have.

As I said at the start of this column, I think when you lose a big match like a Lord's cup final you have to react individually as much as team-wise in your analysis of what went wrong.

It was a case at Lord's of batsmen needing to sell their wickets more dearly and that is what we have got to take on board if we are to go one better next time.

We went to Lord's very confident of beating Essex, and it is difficult to take not playing to our potential.

I think Derbyshire felt a bit of the force of that frustration on Monday, when we bowled them out for just 60 in the Pro40, but it is vital we step up our game still further.

We can get promotion in the Pro40 and there are still enough matches in the County Championship left for us to mount a bit of a charge up the table.

Everything is so tight in division one of the Championship, too, so who knows what might happen if we put a few wins together. It is time to show a bit of character.

• **James Tredwell, the Kent and England Lions all-rounder, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**

Development centres give hockey talent way forward

A NEW countywide youth development system has been unveiled to help talented hockey players go on to compete at the highest level.

Aspiring players will be coached at new development centres in Sittingbourne, Maidstone, Bexley, Medway, Sevenoaks and Canterbury. These will act as a feeder system to a central Kent Academy based at Maidstone Hockey Club, which will begin in January.

The scheme at the development centre level will be self-funded with a fee of £6 per session for the three month course for youngsters aged 12-17. However, the funding for the Kent Junior Academy will be split between the Maidstone club and the Kent Hockey Association.

Mike Evans, of Maidstone Hockey Club, said: "The scheme is a new idea called the single system and has been coming for some time. Young players in the county will have a system



BIG CHANCE: England's Cathy Gilliat-Smith will oversee Kent's young hockey talent

in which they can progress to elite level.

"They will start off in the junior development centres and if they are good enough progress to the Kent Academy in Maidstone and then the South East of England Academy and maybe England after that."

The whole operation will be overseen by Canterbury and England player Cathy Gilliat-Smith, who is the academy's junior coordinator.

Gilliat-Smith is looking forward to the challenge of appointing coaches and running the scheme and believes it will benefit the county.

She said: "It's massive for Kent hockey with the introduction of the new single system by England Hockey. It is fresh and exciting."

"When I was growing up there was nothing like this and you just had to do well at a one-off trial. This way the kids can get the coaching they need."

The six junior development centres are having an open day on September 14 and are urging 12 to 13-year-olds to join in, regardless of experience.

To book a place in the scheme contact Cathy Gilliat-Smith on 07789 401805 or email Cath_gs12@hotmail.com.

Lydden's big chance

THE EUROPEAN Rallycross Championship could be heading to Lydden Hill race circuit for the first time in 12 years.

Circuit owner Amy Doran, who saved the track last year, has tabled a bid to motorsport's governing body the FIA for the European Rallycross Championship to return next year.

In her year in charge, Doran has revamped the circuit by constructing a grandstand and improving the paddock facilities in order to bring bigger events to Lydden Hill.

This weekend the British Rallycross Championship will take place at the famous circuit. Observers from the FIA will be attending to judge the venue to see if it is up to standard to host a round of the 2009 European Rallycross Championship.

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ROLLING STONE

Olympic hero Staff aims to be Golden oldie in 2012

By **TOM HOWARD**

VETERAN track cyclist Jamie Staff is setting his sights on competing at London 2012 at the age of 39, despite achieving his ultimate Olympic dream last week.

The double world champion from Ashford finally reached the pinnacle of his sport as part of the Great Britain trio which blew away the opposition to claim gold in the Team Sprint at the Laoshan Velodrome.

The gold medal was the first of seven track cycling titles for Great Britain in Beijing. Despite completing the set of major titles, Staff is not ruling out undergoing another four years of training in a bid to defend his title at London 2012.

Staff told Kent on Sunday: "I'm in love with what I do, so yes, I could easily do it all again. I would obviously have to have periods where I could relax and take the pressure of myself, but I feel that I could absolutely do it all again."

"This is something though that I will have to discuss with the family as it's their lives that are involved too. I can't be selfish and just do what I want to do all the time. That's what a lot of people don't realise; this level of commitment involves the whole family's input, not just mine."

Medals

The 35-year-old former BMX world champion, who switched to track cycling in 2002, is one of the most experienced and successful riders in the Great Britain team. However, while he had won medals in all the other major championships, he went into the games without experiencing glory at the Olympics – the most prestigious event in the sport.

He almost quit cycling after unexpectedly missing out on the Keirin final due to a controversial disqualification at the Athens Olympics in 2004. The lure of winning a medal was one of the incentives which drove him to return and embark on four years of training to make amends in Beijing.

Staff and the Great Britain Team sprint trio picked up the gold in Beijing last week by beating reigning world champions France. For Staff the whole experience and the realisation of his Olympic dream has been hard to take in.

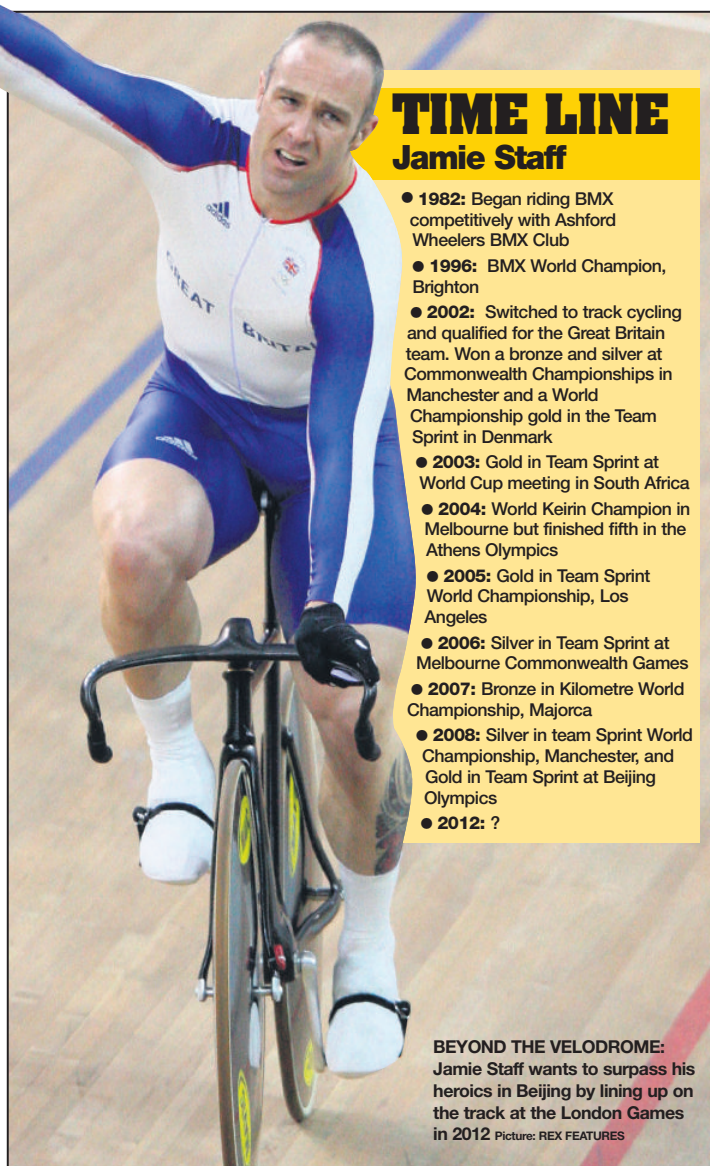
He said: "It's sinking in very slowly. I know it will sink in more the second we get off the plane tomorrow at Heathrow and then when I get to see my family after such a long time away. I think it's going to be a long, slow process, but I am going to enjoy every ounce of it, in case I don't make it to London in 2012."

"For me, any medal would have been nice, but I would not have been content unless it was the gold. We as a team were the best in the world in our own right."

En route to the final the Great Britain trio of Staff, Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny broke

TIME LINE Jamie Staff

- **1982:** Began riding BMX competitively with Ashford Wheelers BMX Club
- **1996:** BMX World Champion, Brighton
- **2002:** Switched to track cycling and qualified for the Great Britain team. Won a bronze and silver at Commonwealth Championships in Manchester and a World Championship gold in the Team Sprint in Denmark
- **2003:** Gold in Team Sprint at World Cup meeting in South Africa
- **2004:** World Keirin Champion in Melbourne but finished fifth in the Athens Olympics
- **2005:** Gold in Team Sprint World Championship, Los Angeles
- **2006:** Silver in Team Sprint at Melbourne Commonwealth Games
- **2007:** Bronze in Kilometre World Championship, Majorca
- **2008:** Silver in team Sprint World Championship, Manchester, and Gold in Team Sprint at Beijing Olympics
- **2012:** ?



BEYOND THE VELODROME:
Jamie Staff wants to surpass his heroics in Beijing by lining up on the track at the London Games in 2012. Picture: REX FEATURES

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the world record by three hundredths of a second in qualifying, clocking a time of 42.950 seconds.

In the final they continued to impress. Staff secured a new personal best of 17.1 seconds for the lead-off lap, which helped them beat France to gold by more than half a second.

The occasion is not a blur for Staff, who remembers every second of the night he became an Olympic champion.

He said: "I was extremely calm in all the races. It felt so easy on the night, the effort just came to me. I didn't have to strain to get what I was asking of myself, I was in perfect form. The fact that we each did a world record for our individual laps means a lot too."

"I personally improved about five per cent in the gym and 10 per cent in my power output on the track leading up to the Games."

"I was improving immensely and beyond what I thought was possible. It was exciting leading up to the race in the last few weeks as I knew I was on target for a personal best again."

Staff and the rest of Team GB will return tomorrow. He will take his place alongside his team-mates in a victory parade in London planned for October.

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